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RECORD OF THE BENT COUNTY STOCK ASSOCIATION

The first meeting of cattle men for the purpose of forming an association to protect the interests of the cattle business was held at Las Animas (Old town) in March 1870. Nearly all that were engaged in cattle raising in Bent County at that time attended the meeting. Not much was done more than to elect officers. Stephen F. Jones was elected President, John W. Prowers Vice-President Mark B. Price Treasurer and R. M. Moore, Secretary. R. M. Moore was appointed to prepare by laws and constitution and submit the same at the next annual meeting to be held the first Saturday in April 1871.

In April 1871 the cattle men of Bent County again met at Las Animas as per appointment. The Preamble-Constitution and by laws prepared by the Secretary was submitted and adopted. Stephen F. Jones was elected President,; John W. Prowers. vice president; Mark B. Price, Treasurer; R. M. Moore, Secretary.

It seemed to be too soon for such an organization and it was allowed to expire for want of interest.

In February 1874 another meeting of cattle men was called for the purpose of organization. At this time "Mavaricking" and stealing cattle was indulged in to a very great extent. Some of the largest cattle raisers recommended a vigilance committee and a trial by cattle men and the penalty for stealing cattle was to be death. The meeting was held in a bedroom over Prowers T. Hough's store at West Las Animas. Cattle raisers were present from New Mexico and from the Dry Cimarron, from Las Animas County, and from Kansas. There was a great deal of discussion about what was best to be done to drive out of the country some of the bad characters and break up the cattle stealing. However after holding nightly meetings for nearly a week it was decided not to resort to any extra-ordinary measures but to try and punish offenders by legal means. Large rewards were offered for the conviction of guilty parties but without any very satisfactory results. A few indictments were found but the cases were continued from term to term and finally dismissed. It seemed to be impossible to convict a person of any crime here at that time. At the meeting in February an organization was effected and the following named persons were elected officers:

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| John W. Prowers | President | James C. Jones | Vice President |
| H. S. Holley | Vice President | Mark B. Price | Treasurer |
| | R. M. Moore | Secretary | |

On March 8, 1874 a meeting was held and R. M. Moore presented the following Preamble and By Laws which was adopted.

PREAMBLE

Realizing the fact that the interests of all persons growing cattle in Bent County are identical and the further fact that said interests can be more thoroughly and profitably advanced by an organization than by individual effort the following agreement is entered into, to wit:

We the undersigned agree and do hereby form an association for protecting and advancing the interests of the stock growers of Bent County and do hereby adopt and find ourselves to be governed by the tenor and effect of the following:

BY LAWS

Sec. 1, This organization shall be called The Bent County Stock Association.

Sec. 2. The officers of this association shall be a president. two vice presidents, a treasurer and secretary, and said officers shall constitute a board of directors who shall serve for one year or until the annual meeting in 1875.

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Sec. 3., The election of officers of this association shall take place annually on the first Saturday in April and any vacancy in said board of directors may be filled at any regular meeting.

Sec. 4. Any person desiring to become a member of this association may make application to any member there of whose duty it shall be to present the name of the applicant to the Association at any regular or special meeting. The members present shall ballot for or against admission. If a majority cast their ballots against admission the applicant shall be rejected but if a majority shall vote for admission the person shall be admitted and his name enrolled upon the list of members

Sec. 5. Each and every person upon being admitted to membership in this association shall pay to the treasurer the sum of one dollar and shall report to the secretary his brands and ear marks and it shall be the duty of the secretary to make a record of the same.

Sec. 6, The board of directors shall have power to make assessments to meet all necessary expenses and all assessments shall be based upon the number of stock included in the last tax schedules made prior to the assessment of this association. Each member being assessed pro rata the number of stock last listed by him or by the County Assessor in his name.

Sec. 7, Whenever the board of directors shall make an assessment it shall be the duty of the secretary to make a certificate for each member showing the number of stock he is assessed upon, the rate per head and the total amount. The secretary shall also make a record of such assessment with the names of all the members and the amounts assessed against them respectively. The Secretary shall forward all certificates to the members and within thirty days from the date of such assessment and forwarding of said certificates each member shall pay into the hands of the treasurer the amount assessed against him provided that no such assessment shall be made to exceed two mills upon each head of stock.

Sec. 8. The board of directors shall have the power to employ one or more persons who shall perform such duties as said board of directors may direct said board shall also have power ( a majority concurring) to offer a reward not to exceed one hundred dollars for any purpose whenever they deem it to the interest of this association to do so, and all expenses necessarily incurred in employing such persons or in offering such rewards shall be paid by this association as provided in Section seven.

Sec. 9, The books and papers belonging to this association shall be in charge of the secretary, who shall keep the same at some convenient place in West Las Animas and said books and papers shall be at all times subject to inspection by members of this association.

Sec. 10, The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this association and shall pay out the same upon the order of the president countersigned by the secretary.

Sec 11, All bills against this association shall be examined by the board of directors and when allowed by them shall be paid out of any funds in the hands of the treasurer as provided in Sec. 10.

Sec. 12, Any member of this association may withdraw and have his name stricken from the list of members by notifying the board of directors and paying all dues up to date of such notice.

Sec.13. These by-laws are subject to amendment or recision by a vote of a majority of members present at any regular meeting.

The preamble and by laws were adopted unanimously.

Annual meetings have been held regularly since 1874. Officers elected and the round ups discussed and agreed upon. This was about all of the business transacted by the association. While there was considerable illegal branding of calves done between the years 1874 and 1884 yet there is no doubt there would have been much more crookedness on the range had there been no such organization. Since 1879 during the shipping season, the association had employed some expert brand man to inspect all cattle shipped from stations in this county. Also to examine hides of animals killed by cars and those slaughtered by butchers and to look after the interests of the association generally as he might be directed by the executive committee.

In 1880 it began to be apparent to every man raising cattle in Bent County that the association was doing a great deal of good but notwithstanding the great efforts of the association to prevent it more or less illegitimate branding of calves and stealing of cattle was carried on and it was not until the spring of 1884 that the association succeeded in convicting any one. At the spring term of court in that year eight persons were sent to Canon City for stealing cattle and horses. Their sentences ranging from three to eight years. This sweeping conviction struck terror into the hearts of cattle theives and since then comparative peace reigns.

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The following is a complete record of the proceedings of meetings of the association since and including the annual meeting in 1881.

The annual meeting of the Bent County Stock Association took place Saturday April 2, 1881. Present J. C. Jones, J. J. Lane, H. S. Holly, J. W. Prowers, Chas. S. Todd, M. T. Hopkins, M. H. Murray, J. H. Jay, Theo Gaussoin, Payton S. Jones, S. T. Smith, H. B. Carter, John Conway, Boss Perry, W. B. Peart, John B. Carter, Geo. S. Ford, R. T. Murray, N. Hughes, and R. M. Moore.

John W. Prowers, President in the chair, J. J. Lane, treasurer submitted a report of the financial affairs of the association for two years--which was approved.

| Treasurer's Report | Receipts |
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| Membership | 59.00 |
| Assessments | 241.47 |
| Mavaricks sold | 410.30 |
| Inspection fees | 2.00 |
| Total | $712.77 |
| Expenditures | |
| Inspectors | 529.95 |
| Brand Books and Advertising | 159.32 |
| Commission on sale of Mavaricks | 3.95 |
| Postage | .50 |
| Cash on hand | 19.05 |
| Total | $712.77 |

M. H. Murray desired some light on the probability of obtaining pay for unknown stock killed by the railroad trains. Considerable discussion followed without a conclusion.

The election of officers was declared to be in order and upon several motions the officers of 1880 were reelected to wit:

President John W. Prowers
First Vice President H. S. Holly
Secretary R. M. Moore
Second Vice President James C. Jones
Treasurer J. J. Lane

J. H. Jay moved that the president and treasurer be appointed a committee to settle all back claims against the A.T.& S. F. Railroad Company for unknown stock killed by trains. Carried. R. M. Moore moved that such committee prepare and present the claim of the association for unknown cattle monthly from this time forward. Carried.

The president explained that by the new law no provision was made for paying captains of round up. That the cattle tax had been changed and placed upon all property owing to dissatisfaction in the mountain ranges; but the captains of round up must be paid and it would fall upon the association to do it.

R. M. Moore moved that $250.00 be appropriated to pay a captain on the south side of the river. Adopted.

Upon enquiry of a member the treasurer reported that the number of mavaricks sold last year was forty-seven.

J. C. Jones complained that mavaricks were sold when only a few persons were present in violation of the regulations of the association. The herdsman were never able to find out when or where they were sold.

The principal work of the season being outside of the district, the propriety or right of the association appointing a captain was questioned by several members..

A second motion of R. M. Moore that $150.00 be appropriated to pay a captain on the north side of the river was carried.

On motion J. W. Beaty was recommended to the round up commissioners for appointment as captain on the south side. H. S. Holly suggested John Flarity for the north side which appeared to meet with general approval but was not voted upon. Adjourned

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Annual meeting of the Bent County Stock Association took place at the Sheriff's office April 1st, 1882. Hon. John W. Prowers, President in the chair.

The claim of W. C. McClure for acting captain of round up amounting to $99.50 was allowed.

The annual report of the Treasurer was presented showing a balance of $311.05 on hand. On motion the treasurer was instructed to prepare an itemized report for publication.

The following were admitted as members: J. N. Beaty, T. H. Russell, and John T. Wood.

The annual election of officers was held with the following result: President John W. Prowers First Vice President J. N. Beaty, Second Vice President T. H. Russell, Secretary R. M. Moore, Treasurer J. J. Lane. A vote of thanks was tendered the officers of last year. Thanks were also to C. W. Bowman, late publisher of the Leader for favors to the association. The Sheriff was thanked for the use of his office as a meeting place.

Program for the spring round up was discussed and the following agreed upon: For southern round up--meet at lower water on Pariqua May 5th for the purpose of hunting the country north between there and the Dry Cimarron. Strike the Cimarron at South Carrizo. Move down the same to Beaty's ranch, thence north to Bear Creek--up Bear to its head, thence north the Arkansas. For Arkansas river hunt meet at State line May 1st working westward on both sides of river.

The following resolutions were adopted: That the captains of round ups be instructed to sell all calves found bearing "sleeper" brands, ,that is,cattle branded with unrecorded and unknown brands, for the benefit of the association. 2nd. That a standing reward be offered of $500.00 for the apprehension and conviction of any person for unlawfully branding mavaricks. The secretary was instructed to invite proposals for printing 500 brand books. Adjourned.

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The annual meeting of the Stock Association was held at the Sheriff's office April 7, 1883. A large number of cattle men were in attendance and a general discussion of the stock interests was participated in.

The question of issuing a brand book containing all of the brands of members of the association was discussed and it was finally decided and the officers were instructed to have the work done as early as practicable. Opinions differed some about time for commencing round up. A majority thought the 20th of May early enough for all outfits to meet on the Pariqua and commence work and that time was agreed upon unless changed by the meeting to be held the 25th of April. If it suits parties from the north who have a large number of cattle on the north side of the Arkansas river, the work will commence at the Kansas State line on May 10th.

A resolution was offered by Mr. Klett and passed allowing captains if round fifty per cent of all sales made under a resolution passed a year ago which reads as follows: That the captains of round ups be instructed to sell all calves found bearing "sleeper" brands, that is cattle branded with unknown and unrecorded brands for the benefit of the association. It was decided that the association should be represented at the round ups on the Canadian river and accordingly arrangements were perfected to send five men there.

New members admitted: A. J. Streeter, A. D. Hudnall and A. Rhoads & Bro.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Hon. John W. Prowers, President; J. N. Beaty First Vice President; A. J. Streeter, Second Vice President; R. M. Moore secretary and J. J. Lane , Treasurer. Adjourned to meet April 25th.

Promptly at the hour appointed on the 25th. the adjourned meeting of the Bent County Stock Association was called to order. In the absence of the other officers, the Secretary presided. The first order of business was time and order of round up. A motion was carried authorizing the chairman to

appoint a committee to settle the question. Accordingly R. Klett, Sam T. Smith and F. T. Castteman were appointed as such committee. The committee reported the following order of round up--meet on the Pariqua and work north to Cimarron to Mount Gallineas,— down Cimarron to point of rock across to Lower Water on Bear. up Bear to head, across to Freeze out . down Butte to the forks of Butte. to Plum up the Arkansas to Clay Creek, up Clay and down Mud and work Caddoa and Rule to suit the outfit go back to Gallineas and work up Carryto head of Smith Canon down Smith Canon and Purgatoire to mouth. The report was accepted and adopted.

While the committee were out the chairman proposed organi.ing under a charter and explained the matter in detail. A lively discussion followed. A majority seemed in favor of it but a few objected and the matter was finally dropped without any action being taken.

It was decided to work with the Elbert County men whenever it suited their convenience--to commence on the north side of the Arkansas. The understanding is that they will commence at the Kansas State line May 5th and work west to Adobe Creek thence up AdobeCreek.

Article 5 of the By Laws reads as follows: "Each and every person upon being admitted to membership in this association shall pay to the treasurer the sum of one dollar and shall report to the secretary his brands and ear marks and it shall be the duty of the secretary to make a record of the same." Judge Jay made a motion to amend Article 5 by inserting "Fifteen dollars' instead of one dollar. Adopted. A vote was taken which resulted in favor of admission of P. G. Scott Jacob Weil and Reid and Simpson. Considerable was said in reference to sleeper brands. No definite action was taken. Adjourned to meet at call of Board.

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1883 Called Meeting

A called meeting of the Bent County Stock Association was held at Prower's office Nov. 22. The object being to discuss the location and management of winter camps.

Nov. 22

The meeting was called to order by the president John W. Prowers. A general discussion followed in reference to establishing winter camps. It was agreed by all that two camps were necessary with eight men to each camp. One camp to be located at the Five Mile Water Hole on Bear Creek: the other at Klett's ranch at Cat Creek. The apportionment of men was agreed upon as follows:

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| Klett & Co. | 2 men | Malloy | 1 man |
| Murray & Lane | 2 men | Prowers | 6 men |
| Rhoades & Scott | 1 man | Cahill & Stevens | 1 man |
| Black | 2 men | Woodworth & Conway | 1 man |
| Reed, Castleman & Garrety | | | 1 man |

A motion was made to employ Frank Giltner to take charge of both camps at a salary of $75.00 per month, which received a unanimous vote. A committee was appointed to look after the general business of the pool consisting of Murray, Rhodes and Moore. Adjourned to meet Dec. 22, 1883.

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1884 Called meeting Feb. 2nd.

West Las Animas Feb 2 1884. The called meeting of the Bent County Stock Association met at the office of A. D. Hudnall. at 2 o'clock P. M. the object of the meeting being the election of delegates to represent the association at the convention of the Rocky Mountain Stock Growers' Association which meets at Salida on the 13th and to transact such other business as might come before the meeting.

Mr. Luke Cahill was called to the chair with Mr. W. C. Hall as acting secretary.

On motion Messrs. M. H. Murray and J. N. Beatty were selected to represent the Bent County Stock Association at Salida.

The names of the following gentlemen were then presented as applicants for membership: Meprs. F. H. Brandenburg, Geo. Peck and F. H. McCollum. A vote being taken on each, they were declared unanimously elected members of the association.

The secretary was instructed to write to the Governor of the State asking the appointment of Messrs James Harrelson F. C. McCallum and M. H Murray as a committee to set the time for the general round up.

Mr. George H. Hill moved that the word 'stealing' be inserted just before the words 'unlawfully slaughtering' in the notice of the reward offered by the association.

Meprs George H. Hill A. D. Hudnall and Bop Perry were appointed a committee on credentials: to solicit membership. and to investigate the standing of those desiring to become members of the association.

After a lengthy and somewhat spirited discussion, it was agreed that the association should appropriate $250.00 to defray the expenses of William Withers in hunting out and causing the arrest of parties now in jail charged with cattle stealing.

There being no further business the association adjourned.

Luke Cahill, Chairman

W. C. Hall, Secretary.

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1884 Tenth Annual Meeting

The tenth annual meeting of the Bent County Stock Association assembled in Bradford Opera House Saturday April 5th at 2:00 O'Clock P. M.

Vice President J N.. Beatty called to convention to order and stated that inasmuch as it was the annual meeting the business to be transacted would be the election of officers and the consideration of such other matters as might be brought before the convention.

The vice-president also invited representatives of the press to seats at the table. As no one but the reporterof the Northwestern Live Stock Journal responded, Mr. Towers arose and moved that the press be invited to seats.

Judge Frost of the Ford County Globe , and a representative of the Trinidad Advertiser, came forward.

The minutes of a previous meeting were read by the secretary. When his attention was called to the fact that they were not of the last meeting. The minutes desired were reported lost, and of course could not be read.

New Members

NEW MEMBERS!

The following applications for membership were then presented, balloted for and elected. Richard Weller. F. W. Davis. Dr. W. S. Woods R. C. Bloomfield, W. W. Jones and William Withers.

Resolutions of respect. Jno. W. Prowers

Secretary Moore offered the following resolutions which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas this association has suffered a grievous loss

in the death of Hon. John W. Prowers, for so many years president of our organization, an old resident among us, esteemed and respected for his many virtues, and sterling qualities; therefore be it.

Resolved that the Bent County Stock Association hereby publicly express its deep sorrow for the loss of a trusted officer, a respected citizen and a faithful friend, and extend to the afflicted relatives of the deceased its deep sympathy in their sore affliction. Resolved that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this association, and a copy furnished the near relatives of the deceased, and the press for publication.

Resolutions of respect John B. Carter

Whereas that since our last meeting God in his wisdom has seen fit to take from our midst one of our most honorable and efficient co-workers John B. Carter, who has been identified with the interest of the county almost continuously since 1861 and since 1870 has been continuously associated with our esteemed fellow laborer the Hon. John W. Prowers, who only preceeded him a very few days to that grand round up whence no traveler returns:

Resolved that we tender our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family in their loss which we deeply feel, and ask the publication and copy sent to the family.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer submitted the following report:

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| 1883 | Dr. |
| April 7th to cash on hand | 764.25 |
| 1884 | |
| April 5th to cash received from membership | 47.00 |
| April 5th to cash received from sale of mavericks | 277.13 |
| Total | $1088.38 |
| 1883 | Cr. |
| April 26th By cash paid Richard Klett 20% on 38.75 | $ 7.75 |
| April 30th By cash paid James A. Folwell | 20.00 |
| June 6th By Cash paid T. S. Wescott for 400 brand books and printing | 120.00 |
| 1884 | |
| Feb. 5th By cash paid John M. Waldron, lawyer retained | 150.00 |
| Feb. 5th By cash paid for telegram toJ. M. Waldron | .50 |
| Feb. 8th By cash paid for draft to J. M. Waldron | 30 |
| Feb. 8th By Cash to D. J. Cook--Detective | 100.00 |
| Feb. 8th By cash paid for draft to D.J. Cook | 10 |
| Feb. 9th By cash paid to Jno. W. Jay--lawyer | 50.00 |
| April 2nd By Cash paid Wm. Withers--Appropriations | 250.00 |
| April 5th By Cash paid for postage stamps | 3.50 |
| April 5th By cash on hand | 386.23 |
| Total | $1088.38 |

Mavericks

Mr. J. Weil moved that thereafter mavericks be sold only for cash.

Mr. Moore thought it would be impracticable to collect the money at time of sale. Mr. Weil was willing to modify his motion to accept checks for demand notes. In this form the motion was put and carried.

On motion of Mr. A. Rhoades the names of all persons indebted to the association were ordered published in the Las Animas Leader after thirty days' notice.

Election of Officers

Election of officers being next in order resulted as follows:

President--Luke Cahill
First Vice President--J. W. Beatty
Second Vice-President--W. A. Towers
Treasurer--P. G. Scott
Secretary--R. M. Moore

President Cahill's Speech

President-elect Cahill on taking his seat said: "Gentlemen of the convention: I certainly feel flattered to be elected presiding officer over such a body of men and will do the best I can to fill the position. It is a position I never sought, but being elected to fill a place that has been so long filled by a man, I cannot expect to more than follow, and in a manner I cannot hope to attain still I will do my best. I am somewhat excited now but I will do the best I can." The presidents remarks were received with applause.

General Business

On motion of Major Towers the president appointed a committee of three to report a regular order of business for adoption consisting of Meprs. W. A. Towers, J. W. Beatty and George H. Hill.

After a short consultation the committee reported progress and asked further time until the next meeting which was granted

Major Tower's Remarks

Major Towers: "Mr President, I desire to call the attention of the association to some circulars which have been sent out from St. Louis calling for a national stock convention to be held in that city sometime next fall. Other associations have named delegates to attend the proposed convention and are arranging to be represented there and I think it is a move in the proper direction. Our cattle industry involves the use of over a billion dollars and such an interest needs protection. By organizing a national convention we can concentrate our forces better than in any other way and I move, Sir, that the chair appoint ten members--to include the officers, ex-officio to represent their association at St. Louis, where it seems, the convention is to be held. Some of the associations have appointed fifteen and twenty delegates, officers inclusive."

Delegates to the Convention at St Louis

The motion prevailed and the chair appointed Meprs. J. J. Lane. Henry Kellog, W. C. Hall, James E. Frost, and A. R. Black which with President Cahill Vice-president Beatty and Towers, Treasurer Scott and Secretary Moore completed the delegation. On motion of Mr. Beatty the treasurer was directed to report hereafter to the executive committee.

Major W. A. Towers was authorized to represent the Bent County Stock Association at the next annual meeting of the Colorado Cattle Growers' Association.

The Animal 1884 Industry Bill

Major Towers: "Mr. President, I have some resolutions here which I wish to offer. Our quarantine laws at present are a farce. Parties bring cattle to this country and they are put into pens to remain the required length of time, and after they have been there probably sixty or eighty days another lot is unloaded and put into inclosures along side of them, and the cattle lick and smell of each other, while the men coming with each shipment mingle with each other, and handle both herds, thus running the risk of introducing or spreading the disease. I don't know as we have

any diseases amoung our cattle: but we don't want any, and too great care cannot be taken that disease is not introduced. The resolutions are these:

Whereas, there is pending before Congress a bill to provide some governmental regulation of cattle disease, with certain provisions as to a proper inspection of cattle called the Animal Industry Bill: and, Whereas, the Press reports state that cattle brokers in Chicago are now in Washington to lobby against said bill: therefore Resolved: That, we, the Bent County Stock Association, representing many millions of capital invested in hundreds of thousands of cattle, do hereby petition the Congress of the United States, to pass said bill, with such proper guards for careful and complete inspection of cattle in the leading yards of the country as in their wisdom, shall seem good. While believing our cattle to be wholly free from contageous or other disease we yet feel that a careful system of governmental inspection can only serve to allay any fears of foreign governments or people as to the health of our cattle, and hence can work us no harm. But is likely to save us from sudden panic abroad, and will mitigate any unfair imputations upon the value and healthfulness of American Cattle."

"Resolved: That we ask of the Congress of the United States, that the quarantine laws for imported cattle be amended so as to prevent the intermingling of freshly arrived cattle with those which have been in quarantine for days or weeks and also to prevent the possibility of any infectious disease being disseminated among the quarantined cattle, either from cattle being introduced anew or from carelessness or slovenliness on the part of any attendants, or in any other way."

"Resolved: That the secretary send copies of these resolutions to each of our Senators, and members in Congress."

I move, Mr. President, the adoption of the resolutions. Carried unanimously.

Resolutions against Lawlessness Introduced by R. G. Head

Mr. R. G. Head offered the following resolutions, which were adopted.

Whereas, The lawlessness of the past year embracing the wanton destruction of property of the members of this association, as also the whole state, causing somewhat of a feeling of uneasiness and alarm: and

Whereas, in time of public troubles, it behooves the real citizens of the commonwealth to avow their true sentiments: therefore be it

Resolved: By the stockmen of Bent County, Colorado in convention assembled that we consider it our bounden duty to uphold the majesty of the law by aiding the executors thereof in the discharge of their several duties.

Resolved: That we uphold the laws of Colorado in all emergencies, and that we oppose all mobs and mob violence in any and every form as being as subversive of the peace and dignity of the state as theft and destruction of property are on the other hand.

Resolved: That we pledge our lives, our property, and our sacred honor to the proper maintenance of the law, and

to that end call upon all good citizens to aid us in the suppression of crime by aiding the officers of the country in the execution of the laws and especially the juries to do their duty as the grand guardians and conservators of the public welfare.

Resolved: That we know a home influence is required to suppress lawlessness and that no foreign influence can have the effect, and we pledge our influence, our money, and our lives if necessary to the suppression of crime.

vote of thanks

On motion of Major Towers the thanks of the association were tendered the retiring officers.

The thanks of the association were also voted Mr. Deleglise for the free use of the opera house for this meeting. Also the Trinidad Advertiser Northwestern Livestock Journal and Ford County Globe for being represented at this session.

Adjournment

On motion the meeting then adjourned to 7:00 O'clock Wednesday evening April 9th.

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April 9, 1884

This meeting was an adjourned one from the Annual meeting on April 5th.

The first business considered was the time for commencing the round-up.

Major Towers moved to begin round-up on Parique on May 10th. Motion carried. Mr. Towers moved to meet at Buffalo Springs, May 8th. Agreed to.

Motion made to sell mavericks at auction.--all motherless calves, unbranded over one month old to be deemed mavericks.

Mavericks bid in by J. C. Jones

Mavericks offered at auction by the Secretary. J. C. Jones was the highest bidder. All mavericks branded this year--1884--to be branded in his brand and he is to pay for the same on or before the first day of December of this year at the rate of $12.00 per head Captains of round-up are required to make out a certificate certifying to the number of mavericks branded in Mr. Jones's brand--said certificates shall be sent to the secretary for record and such certificate whall be accepted as evidence of number branded.

Bulls

The question of bulls on the range was next discussed. Mprs. Jones, Klett Moore Black and Smith were appointed to investigate and report on the subject at next meeting.

Round-up

Meprs. Withers, Klett, Perry, Mosty, McAfee Hightower, and Rhoades were appointed to draft a plan for round-up.

Fence Law

Moore and Peck were selected to look after the adoption of the fence law. and to present the proper petition to the County Commissioners before the time for calling next election.

The pay of captains of round-up to be determined by committee on round-up.

Meprs. Towers and Beatty appointed at last meeting to draft Order of Business made a report which was accepted and adopted. as follows:

1. Calling the Roll
2. Reading the Minutes
3. Admission of new members
4. Unfinished Business
5. Report of Officers
6. Election of Officers
7 General Business

Adjourned to meet April 10th at Hudnall's Office.

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April 10, 1884

The report of the committee on round-up was accepted as follows:

Report of Committee on Round-up

Meet at Buffalo Springs, May 8th. Commence work on Perique, May 10th. Work north to some point on head of Cow Creek: down Cow Creek to mouth of Carrizo. A T man or 101 man to take charge of outfit. In case they do not do it, McAfee to take charge. Work up the Carrizo to head of same. Then over to head of Butte Creek; circle down as far as mouth of Mustang--work down Shell Canon--"Johnie's Camp." (I guess it is) and Muddy: thence to Smith's Canon. Up Smith's Canon and Pinon and work out the pockets in said Canons, and close the hunt in this country as the circumstances seem to demand. William McAfee is appointed Captain and in his absence Ed. Eddleman will take charge.

1st Outfit

2nd Outfit

Second outfit work Buffalo Springs country and north to mouth of Gallinias; down the Cimarron as far as necessary. One of Towers and Gudgell's men to act as Captain of this round-up.

3rd Outfit

After leaving the Cimarron the round-up will proceed up Bear Creek to the head of the same; thence over to Butte Creek; up Butte to Mustang: work down Butte to the mouth; up the Arkansas to Clay Creek; up Clay Creek and down Muddy up Caddo and down Rule.

Albert Mosty is appointed Captain of this round-up; and in his absence Frank Forrest will take charge.

Committee on outside work, consisting of Mosty and Black, reported as follows:

On the Canadian:
JJ Outfit--three men
V & W-- One man
Dutch Outfit Murray & Lane Maloy Cahill. Jones Reid Garrity. Castleman. Rhoades Bros and Woodworth to furnish two men.
JJ V & W send two men as far north as any Arkansas river cattle can be found.

Report of Com. on Certificates

The report of committee appointed to prepare a form of certificate and stub to be used by captains of round-up in certifyingto mavericks branded was received and accepted.

Com. on A rbitration

The chairman appointed a committee on arbitration--consisting of Meprs Moore. Scott and Weil.

Report of Com. on bulls

The committee on bulls reported as follows: " Your Committee appointed to draft a plan for making a tally of all bulls on the range belonging to members of this Association have the honor to submit the following: Captains of round-up shall cause to be marked with some plain mark or brand all bulls one year old and over, belonging to members of this Association. Each captain of round-up shall be furnished with a blank book of certificates. Each blank certificate shall have a corresponding stub. Whenever any bull has been marked or tallied, captains of round-up shall fill out a certificate in the name of owner of brand on the bulls so marked or tallied. The certificate shall show the date, the brand, and number tallied, and stubbs shall be filled out to correspond with each certificate. Said certificate shall be forwarded to the Secretary of this Association from time to time whenever convenient to do so.

And all shall be returned to the Secretary before the first day of Dec. 1884. The Secretary shall keep a record of the same, and shall furnish information in reference to the tally whenever called upon to do so. We also recommend that some person be appointed that will be convenient at all times to call upon to take a tally of bulls at stock yards, and at ranches." Accepted and adopted.

Richard Klett was appointed to take a tally of bulls at ranches and stock yards.

Report of Com on Round-up Work. N.side

The committee on round-up work on the north side reported as follows: JJ one man: [illegible] V&W one man to work north of KPRR

Pool outfit to consist of one wagon, and six riders: [illegible] V two men: [illegible] one man: [illegible] one man: [illegible] one man: ZX.VX one man: [illegible] Cook. M. SR. O U. team and wagon. JJ outfit agree to have a full outfit along.

A. Mosty )
A. R. Black) Committee

The following was introduced, accepted and ordered spread upon the record.

Unlawfully Branding Mavericks and Changing Brands

Whereas there are certain persons, that have the reputation of unlawfully branding mavericks, and tampering with, and defacing brands to the loss and detriment of members of this Association, and, Whereas, it has been impossible heretofore, to put a stop to the dishonest practice from the fact that when a man was discharged for the practice he could readily get employment on the range from some other person, who was either careless or ignorant of the reputation of the person employed.

Therefore, be it resolved, That it be the duty of every member of this Association not to employ a person to work on the range who has a bad reputation, or is known to be guilty of unlawful branding, or they may be debarred from working with other members of this Association.

The question of Brand Book was left to the decision of the executive committee.

The Secretary was instructed to write to R. O. Bloomfield, requesting him to be present at then next meeting.

Adjourned to meet at same place at 2:00 O'clock P. M. April 29th, 1884.

R. M. Moore
Secretary

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April 22 1884

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bent County Stock Association held this day, it was agreed to make an assessment and to base the same on the number of calves branded last year.

The Secretary was instructed to write each member, requesting them to report to him (the Secy) the number of calves branded in 1883.

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April 29, 1884

Meeting of the Association April 29, 1884

A called meeting of the Bent County Association was held at Hudnall's office, April 29th. When the roll was called twenty-six members answered to their names.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved except that portion of the report of the round-up committee that refers to work on the north side of the Arkansas River. The chair appointed a new committee on round-up as follows: Harrelson, Mosty, Coxhead, Jones, Perry and Conroy for work on the north side, of the Arkansas. The committee agreed that the "grub" and cook expense should be borne by the pool, and apportioned by Mosty. Report accepted and adopted.

A motion was made and passed that it shall require the votes of four-fifths of all the members present to elect an applicant to membership.

New Members

New members admitted--John C. Vroman and A. F. Engart.

Some objection was made to the reward offered by the Association for the conviction of cattle thieves as being too high, but the result of a vote showed that a majority were in favor of continuing the one thousand dollars reward.

Order of business No. 7 which provides for the election of an executive committee was canceled by a resolution offered by Major Hill which declares the Board of Directors an Executive Committee.

A motion by A. R. Black that the Executive Committee employ an inspector and continue him in service until further orders was unanimously agreed to. The secretary was instructed to write to the Elbert County Association and request that the round-up on the north side of the Arkansas River be deferred until May 20th.

Explanation by R. C. Bloomfield

Mr. R. C. Bloomfield was called upon and made a very satisfactory explanation of a misunderstanding that occurred last summer, during his absence from the State. His remarks were well received, and all is serene.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. J. E. Frost, and adopted, and the secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the same to the Las Animas County Stock Association.

Resolutions offered by Mr. Frost

Whereas, reliable information has been obtained that Gus Streeter and others, who are members of this Association have, by a certain petition signed and presented to the Las Animas County Stock Association induced said Association to pass resolutions ostracising the bar and crop and slanting-bar outfits, who are members of this Association in good standing, by prohibiting the working or branding of the cattle of said outfits by any member of their Association or employee thereof: and,

Whereas, we consider this action a direct insult offered to this Association: therefore be it.

Resolved: That we denounce the action of said Streeter and others as being unjust, unfair, and without cause, and unbecoming a member of this Association, and be it further

Resolved: That we consider the action of the Las Animas County Association as unneighborly and premature, and calculated to produce discord between the stockmen of our two Associations: and be it further

Resolved: That the secretary of theis Assocition be instructed tb forward a copy of these resolutions to the Las Animas County Stock Association, and request that bodyto reconsider their action in the premises at the earliest possible time, so that justice may be done all parties concerned, and a friendly feeling prevail between our two Associations.

Adjourned R. M. Moore, Secretary

May 10, 1884

May Meeting

Meeting called to order at 2 o'clock P. M. In the absence of the Secretary, P. G. Scott, was chosen Secretary protem. Eleven members answered to roll-call.

Com. to adjust Special Assessment

Motion by A. R. Black to elect a committee of seven to adjust the special assessment made by the Executive Committee and report Saturday, the 17th of May. Carried, and the following named persons were elected: Withers, Black, Hudnall Towers Vroman Jones and Klett. The Secretary was instructed to notify the above named parties of their election and of the time fixed for them to report.

The following resolutions were offered by Mr. R. C. Bloomfield and adopted.

Resolved: That it is the duty of the Bent County Stock Association, that in case any one of its members belonging to any other Association, may be assessed by such other Association upon the same stock that has been assessed by this Association. That the Bent County Stock Association shall use its influence to have said assessment cancelled without payment on account of the injustice of being assessed upon the same stock twice, and be it further,

Resolved: That the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of these resolutions to the Colorado Cattle Growers Association, Western Kansas Cattle Growers Association, Elbert County Association and Southern Polosedo Association, the Trinidad Association, and that these resolutions be placed on file for future reference.

Adjourned to meet May 17th at 2 O'clock, P. M.

P. G. Scott,
Secy, pro tem.

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REVISED ASSESSMENT LIST!

| | No. | Assessment |
|---|---|---|
| Jno. W. Prower's Estate | 4000 | 420.00 |
| Towers and Gudgell | 2600 | 273.00 |
| James Maloy | 600 | 63.00 |
| C. D. Todd | 1000 | 105.00 |
| A. R. Black | 1050 | 110.25 |
| James Graham | 400 | 42.00 |
| F. T. Castleman | 250 | 26.25 |
| Robinson Bros. and Sebree | 285 | 29.95 |
| Hammett and Hall | 1500 | 157.50 |
| D. C. Mastin | 875 | 91.90 |
| Henry Kellogg | 70 | 7.35 |
| Lane and Murray | 1150 | 120.75 |
| William H. Stone | 150 | 15.75 |
| John Conway | 87 | 9.15 |
| Abe Peterson | 55 | 5.75 |
| A. W. Johnson | 62 | 6.50 |
| John Flarity | 34 | 3.60 |
| R. M. Moore | 750 | 78.75 |
| Jay and Cain | 275 | 28.90 |
| Mike Garrity | 125 | 13.15 |
| D. E. Sullivan | 250 | 26.25 |
| Wm. H. Ninth | 275 | 28.90 |
| Daul Keesee | 50 | 5.25 |
| Luke Cahill | 500 | 52.50 |
| A. S. Polk | 550 | 57.75 |
| Clark and Irwin | 15 | 1.60 |
| W. B. Cartter | 450 | 47.25 |
| Richard Klett | 525 | 55.15 |
| James E. Frost | 200 | 21.00 |
| James Harrelson | 225 | 23.65 |

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| A. J. Anderson | 38 | 4.0[illegible] |
| Geo. H. Hill | 112 | 11.75 |
| Bop Perry | 50 | 5.[illegible] |
| Saml T. Smith | 500 | 52.50 |
| A. D. Hudnall | 150 | 1[illegible].7[illegible] |
| A. Rhodes & Bro. | 575 | 60.40 |
| T. H. Brandenburg | 12 | 1.25 |
| George Peck | 150k | 15.75 |
| Richard Willer | 250 | 26.25 |
| Woods, Mathews and Gentry | 1250 | 131.25 |
| R. C. Bloomfield | 4000 | 420.00 |
| W. W. Jones | 35 | 3.70 |
| Prairie Cattle Co. (Withers) | 12000 | 1260.00 |
| G. M. Woodworth | 287 | 30.15 |
| P. G. Scott | 110 | 11.55 |
| Jacob Weil | 100 | 10.50 |
| J. N. Beatty | 4000 | 420.00 |
| James Reid | 100 | 10.50 |
| Jas. C. Jones | 350 | 36.75 |
| J. C. Vroman | 500 | 52.50 |
| A. F. Enyart | 550 | 57.75 |
| G. C. Hall | 15 | 1.60 |
| F. W. Davis | 150 | 15.75 |
| Total Assessment made May 17, 1884 | 43642 | $4582.70 |

R. M. Moore
Secretary

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Called Meeting Oct. 25, 1884

A called meeting of the Bent County Stock Association was held Oct. 25th. In the absence of the president, the secretary called the meeting to order. Hon. John H. Jay was elected chairman pro tem.

Reading the minutes of the last meeting and calling the roll were dispensed with. The next regular order of business, viz: the admission of new members was called, whereupon Mr. Hudnall, of the committee of membership, presented the following names for admission: G. M. Dameron, Geo. B. Slattery, Benjamin York, and J. E. York who were, by ballot, accepted as members.

Motion was made by the secretary to allow all persons in charge of round-ups ten per cent of the gross amount on the value of all mavericks sold by them Agreed to.

A motion by Mr Harrelson to allow James Draper fifty dollars for special services. After some discussion was agreed to.

The question of taking bulls off the range, and keeping them off until July was presented A majority expressed the opinion that it would be a profitable move but agreed that such a move should be aggreed to six months in advance --that no one was prepared to feed their bulls now,--so the matter was passed over without action.

Delegates to the St Louis Convention

At the annual meeting held April 5th ten delegates were appointed to represent the Association at the National Stock Convention to be held at St Louis, November 17th. As only a few of those then appointed will go, it was thought best to appoint others instead, and the revised list is as follows: W. A. Towers, W. C. Hall, J. W. Beatty, R. M. Moore G. M. Dameron, P. G. Scott, A. D. Hudnall, Jas. C. Jones, Richard Weller, M. H. Murray, Richard Gentry, and Jno. D. Rhoades.

The following resolution was presented and adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolution

Resolved: That the sentence of Henry and Briggs who plead guilty at the last Spring term of the District Court, to the charge of stealing and unlawfully slaughtering cattle, was justifiable both morally and legally: that the Court in passing sentence exercised all the leniency due to the parties under the circumstances: therefore, be it

Resolved, that a pardon or any mitigation of this sentence, would be an unwarrantable interference with the ends of justice; that the Secretary is hereby instructed to write to Governor Grant on the subject and to forward him a copy of these resolutions.

Adjourned
R. M. Moore, Secretary

Called Meeting Feb. 7, 1885

The Bent County Stock Association met as per call, at Hudnall's Office, on Saturday Last. Officers present, Luke Cahill: R. M. Moore, Secretary: P. G. Scott, Treasurer.

Applications were received from P. W. Duvall, and W. B. Peart to become members. They were ballotted for and duly elected.

On motion, it was ordered that the Association issue a brand book for the year, 1885, and A. Rhoades R. Klett and R. M. Moore were appointed a committee to attend to the compiling of it. Considerable discussion ensued, regarding the manner that tally lists of calves are returned. Mr. Rhodes arguing that foremen should make return to the secretary, who should notify owners at the end of the season and thus secure to the Association the credit of the work while Mr. Withers insisted that each round-up fore man should notify owners direct, and thus the different cattle companies would receive the credit of the work done, by their outfits. No action taken.

A general discussion was indulged in regarding the shipment of stray steers, and the manner in which the money received from their sale should be accounted for. No action taken.

On motion, the chairman appointed a committee consisting of Bop Perry, James Graham, and Wm. Withers, to select and employ a cattle inspector.

On motion, the chairman appointed R. M. Moore, Wm. Withers, A. Rhoads, Geo. Peck, and A. D. Hudnall, a committee for the purpose of revising the constitution and by laws of the Association.

On motion, the chairman appointed G. M. Dameron, J. W. Beatty, J. J. Lane, R. M. Moore, and Geo. Peck, a conference committee, for the purpose of conferring with the members of the legislature from this county, and secure their co-operation in having such laws passed at the coming session as will be advantageous to the stock interests of the state.

The secretary reported that 113 mavericks were branded in the O U Brand, and five were not accounted for.

An O bar calf was reported as being branded among the mavericks. On motion, the chairman appointed Albert Mosty, Frank Smith and J. Harrelson, a committee of appraisement to ascertain the value of the animal, in order that the owner Judge Moore, should be recompensed. Complaint having been made that certain waterholes in Rule Creek were mere animal traps and that cattle were continually being bogged the chairman appointed Wm. Withers and Geo. Peck to attend to the fencing of those places, and return the expenses to the Association.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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1885 Called Meeting Feb. 15th

Meeting called to order by the Pres. Calling the roll and reading the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with. The following named persons were presented and admitted as members: John Lee Joseph Wyatt, M. McMillin, T. B. Porter, J. W. McClain, T. J. Effener, John Alexander, Julius H. Peston. Each person was voted for in the order named and all were duly admitted as members. The Secretary stated that the committee on by laws was not prepared to make a report. A motion was carried that the committee on by laws be given until Feb. 22nd to make their report. A discussion was entered into as to the advisibility of organizing

under a charter. A free expression of opinion was expressed by all members present. It was finally concluded not best to do so. A discussion then arose concerning the expelling of members who fail to pay assessments or dues. It was thought best to provide in the by laws for such cases. A motion was carried instructing the committee on Brand Book to contract for the best quality of brand book submitted by the Ed. of the Leader.

The following Resolution was offered and passed:

Resolved: That all persons who have been assessed by this Association and who have not paid their assessment and do not pay the same before April 1st, 1885 shall be expelled and their names stricken from the rolls. Adjourned to meet Feb. 22, 1885.

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Adjourned Meeting Feb. 21st

The Bent County Stock Association met on the 21st pursuant to adjournment. All the officers present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The following new members were admitted. Geo. N. Bucky, Reynolds Cattle Co, C by I, A. Adams manager. F. L. M. Campbell.

The committee on by laws presented two sets of by laws which were on motion referred to a new committee consisting of A. Rhoads R. M. Moore. R. Klett Geo. Peck J. H. Jay. and G. M. Kameron with instructions to report at a meeting to be held Feb. 28th. A. S. Polk petitioned the Association to be released from the payment of any assessments charged against him on account of services rendered last spring in catching horse thieves. On motion it was ordered that Mr. Polk be released from the penalty of not paying assessments and that the question be referred for the consideration of the Annual meeting of the Association to be held in April.

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Adjourned Meeting Feb. 28th

The Bent County Stock Association met promptly at 2 O'clock on the 28th inst. The Secretary called the meeting to order. Judge Jay was elected chairman pro tem. The chairman stated the object of the meeting was to consider by laws that had been prepared. The Secretary then read the by-laws that had been prepared by the committee. On motion of Senator Woodworth, the by-laws were adopted. A motion was made that the Association authorize the executive committee to prepare a contract and bond, to be signed by the purchaser of mavaricks and make all necessary arrangements to sell the mavarick at the annual meeting to be held on April 6th.

A motion was made that three persons be appointed to act with the Secretary to examine proof of brand book. Harrellson, Withers and Gentry were appointed as such committee. A motion was carried that all members in good standing shall be published in the brand book. Adjourned without date.

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West Las Animas, April 6th 1885

The annual meeting of the Association was convened at Bradford Hall on date above mentioned at 2 P. M.

Officers Present

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| Luke Cahill | President | R. M. Moore | Secretary |
| J. N. Beatty | Vice President | P. G. Scott | Treasurer |

On motion the roll of members was called.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved with the correction that the by-laws were adopted subject to the approval of this meeting.

On motion it was ordered that the regular order of business be suspended and the by-laws be acted upon.

On motion it was ordered that the same be taken up and acted on section by section and that their adoption be by rising vote.

On motion sections one and two were adopted severally as read.

On motion section (3) three was amended by inserting the words "one of" before the words "The vice Presidents" and the section thus amended was adopted.

On motion section four (4) was amended to read the "second Wednesday" instead of "the first Monday" and the section as amended was adopted.

On motion section five (5) was amended to read the "second Wednesday" to accord with the previous section and was then adopted.

On motion the following sections were each adopted as read: sections six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), Eleven (11), and twelve (12).

On motion section thirteen (13) was amended to read as follows: "A written proxy approved by the Board of Directors as genuine may be voted at any meeting of the Association" which was then adopted.

On motion section fourteen (14) was adopted as read.

On motion section fifteen (15) was amended to read. "the Second Wednesday" in compliance with sections four (4) and five (5) and was then adopted.

The regular order of business being resumed.

On motion Thos. B. Nolan was elected a member of the Association by a rising vote.

An account of Ed Eddliman as round up captain was presented and on motion was referred to the executive committee.

A motion was made that A. S. Polk be allowed $57.75 for services rendered in catching horse thieves, which was put to a vote of the meeting and lost.

The report of officers being called for the Treasurer. presents report which is as follows:

Total amount received
Total amount paid out
Balance on hand.

On Motion the meeting adjourned to April 7th at 9 A. M.

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West Las Animas April 7th, 1885

The meeting was called to order at 9 A. M. pursuant to adjournment. Present same as yesterday.

The minutes of yesterdays proceedings were read and approved.

On motion the Treasurers report was approved.

On motion of P. G. Scott, Mr. A. S. Polk was allowed the sum of Fifty dollars for services rendered the Association.

The next order of business being the election of officers. Mr. R. M. Moore presented a brief history of the Association in which he stated that he had acted as secretary from its organization and declined to have his name presented for any office the ensuing year.

Nominations for President being in order, the names of Mr. Luke Cahill and A. D. Hudnall were presented.

On motion of Mr. A. R. Black it was declared that a majority of all the votes cast should be necessary to elect.

The ballot being taken it appeared that Mr. Luke Cahill received seventeen votes and Mr. Hudnall sixteen. A majority of all the votes cast being in favor of Mr. Cahill, he was declared duly elected President for the ensuing year.

On motion the following officers were elected by a rising vote there being no other nominations :

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| J. N. Beatty | 1st Vice President |
| W. A. Towers | 2nd Vice President |
| P. G. Scott | Treasurer |
| G. M. Dameron | Secretary |

On motion of J. W. Beaty a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers for the manner in which they had conducted the business of the Association.

On motion the following members were elected as the assessment committee by a rising vote there being no other nominations: Wm. Withers, J. C. Vroman, A R. Black.

On motion of A. R. Black the regular order of business was suspended and the question of the time and place for commencing the round-up was fully discussed.

A motion was made by J.N.. Beatty that a committee of ten be appointed to consider the matter and report to the Association.

An amendment was offered by Mr. A. Rhoads that the chair appoint a committee of three who should select the committee of ten which was adopted.

An amendment was offered by Mr. Harrelson that the committee of three be authorized not to confine themselves to the members now present in their selection which was also adopted and the motion thus amended was adopted by the Association, in compliance with which the President appointed J. R. Harleson, J. N. Beatty and S. H. Coxhead as the committee of three to make the selection.

The committee report the following names as the committee of ten: Wm. Riley, Wm. Withers, Sam T. Smith, Albert Mosty, J. N. Beatty Richard Klett. S. H. Coxhead, Boss Perry, M. McMillan, and J. C. Jones.

The report of the committee was received and the committee discharged.

On motion the Association adjourned to half past one in order to receive the report of the committee on round-up.

Afternoon Session

The meeting being called to order, the Committee on round-up presented the following report:

The round-up shall be divided into [illegible] parts.

One to meet and commence work at the middle water on the Trampases on the 20th day of May and work North to the lower water on the Parique, then split, one party work through by Buffalo Springs, Lower water on Carampa and Cold Springs to Cimarron above O.T. Ranch. The other work as far as Mexico line by the Rabbit Ear and across to Carampa down as far as Plan corrall, then down the south Carizzo to Cimmarron then meet and hunt the Gallinos and north Canon. thence up the Carrizzo, down the Smith Canon, through the Muddy Gaps to Alkali Holes.down Johnny Branch, up Rule Creek by Huckberry Springs over to the mouth of Freeze Out, hunt Freeze Out and Mustang, out to Couch Camp and finish.

The other meet at 7 H Ranch on Cimmarron on the 25th day of May, go down the Cimmarron to Wagon Bed Springs, over to North Fork, up to Lower water on Bear Creek, up Bear Creek to its head and over to Butte down Butte to the Arkansas River, up the River to the Clay, up Clay and down Mud Creek, up Caddoa and down Rule. These hunts not to be changed after they start giving time on each range as they go through for the men to brand up their calves and take care of their cattle.

On motion of R. M. Moore the report was received and adopted and the committee discharged.

R. M. Moore presents the following Preamble and Resolution which was adopted and is as follows.

It is a well known fact that there are between five and seven hundred thousand surplus cattle in the State of Texas that must find a market before next fall. It is also well known that the stringent quaranteen laws now in force practically prohibit the introduction of Texas Cattle into Kansas or New Mexico.

Realizing the foregoing conditions many who contemplate handling Texas cattle this year are looking to the section of country occupied by the members of this Association, as offerring the only gateway for Texas herds to reach the markets of Northern Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

The members of this Association own in fee simple all of the water and all the grazing land contiguous to the water throughout the eastern portion of Bent County.

In procuring titles to the land and water we did so in many instances at great expense and our rights to this property should be protected. The rain falls and the grass grows in the district referred to between the first of May and the first of August. Our ranges are stocked up to their full capacity and the bringing in of more cattle even by resident owners should be discouraged.

If these vast herds coming from southern Texas, that are by our state laws compelled to lay in quarantine, north of parallel thirty-six for ninety days before they can enter the state, are permitted to pass over our ranges after the rains cease and the grass matures, the result would be, all of the grass in the vicinity of the water would be eaten off, and our native herds could not possibly live through the following winter.

The establishment of a trail on the route proposed means that many of the members of this Association must give up their occupation of cattle raising. Shall we submit to such a great sacrifice after spending half a life time in building up our herds and acquiring at great expense rights to the ranges?

This Association was organized for our mutual benefit and protection and the time has come now when we must decide whether we

will carry out the purpose of the organization and protect the property and rights of our members or not.

Therefore the following resolutions are offered for consideration and action.

Resolved: That the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association will cooperate in preventing the establishment of a cattle trail in Bent County. That we will prevent by all civil means the driving of herds from other states and territories over our ranges. That we will prosecute any person who trespasses upon the private property of our members and finally if it becomes necessary to go beyond these measures to protect the rights of our members we will act as a unit.

Resolved: That a copy of the foregoing preamble and resolution be furnished the stock journals of Texas and New Mexico, the Las Animas Leader, the North Western Livestock Journal and the Kansas City Indicator.

A Resolution was offered by Mr. A. Rhoads which was read and adopted and is as follows:

Resolved: That the President name the persons whom we wish for Round-up Commissioners and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the Governor, in compliance therewith the President named J. C. Jones, A. M. Moore and Wm. Withers.

A resolution was offered by Mr. A. Rhoads, which was read and adopted and is as follows:

Resolved: That no member of this Association be allowed to sign any petition for a pardon or reprieve of any person or persons who may habe beenor may hereafter be convicted and sent to the Penitentiary and for whose conviction this Association may have paid any reward or money to secure the same.

The following resolutions were also read and adopted:

Resolved: That the Executive Committee of this Association adopt and purchase a book for the Secretary in which shall be kept a record of all the cattle slaughtered by buchers, killed by rail roads, or shipped out of this district. The same being owned by member of this Association.

Resolved: That the members of this Association agree to give special orders to any and all parties having charge of wagons or camps on the range that they shall not allow any gambling, card playing, or horse racing under any circumstances.

Resolved: That in view of the fact that public land can not now be fenced, that all men employed by members of this Association be instructed, not to use private pastures for round-up purposes without permission of the owners thereof.

Moved by R. M. Moore that when the Association adjourn, it be to the 25th of this month and that notice be given in all ways possible that the sale of mavaracks will then take place. Motion carried.

On motion the secretary was authorized to procure cuts and prices of desks and report at next meeting.

On motion, the Executive Committee was ordered to arrange form of contract for sale of mavaricks which shall be in compliance with the laws of the State and present the same, at next meeting.

On motion, the President was empowered to confer with Mr. Deliglise and recompence him for the use of the hall.

On Motion the President appointed James Harleson, Albert Mosty, and Wm. Withers to arrange a plan of hunt for the north side of the river and report the same at the next meeting.

The Association then adjourned to meet at old Sheriff's office in West Las Animas on the 25th day of June A.D. 1885.

G. M. Dameron, Secretary.

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April 25th, 1885

The adjourned meeting was called to order.

Roll of members was called. Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The round-up commissioners proceeded to sell the mavaricks for the year 1885 at public auction to the highest bidder. G. M. Woodworth having bid $13.25 which was the highest price offered. He was declared the purchaser and it was ordered that the same be turned over to him by a bill of sale when the purchase money was paid in full.

R. M. Moore, presented a resolution which was amended on motion of A. R. Black and adopted and is as follows: Resolved: That all bulls on the range belonging to members of this Association shall be taken off of the range before the first day of December of this year and kept off until the 15th day of June 1886.

On motion it was ordered that the Executive Committee purchase a desk for the use of the secretary.

On motion it was ordered that all mavaricks branded by mistake shall be appraised by three persons who were present at the time the mistake was discovered, the appraisers to be selected by the Association at the first meeting after the round-up is over and the said animal or animals shall be paid for by the Association at the appraised value.

On motion of A. R. Black, it was ordered that the full compensation of round-up captains for the year 1885 in District #1 shall be three dollars per day for and during the first hunt in said district.

On motion the secretary was ordered to correspond with Walter Ramsey in regard to a certain steer sold at Kansas City and claimed by Lane & Murray and for which Doc May received payment from A. J. Snyder.

On motion of Mr. Jones it was ordered that the Pan Handle and all employees of members of this Association be requested and instructed to notify this Association of the approach of Texas cattle to the Colorado line.

The meeting then adjourned.

G. M. Dameron, Secretary.

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June 6th, 1885

Meeting was called to order by the President.

Minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

The President then stated that the object of the meeting was to take action regarding the advent of Texas cattle.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary inform the chairman of the convention to be held at Denver on June the 10th for the purpose of locating a trail through Colorado, that the Bent County Association respectfully declines to send a representative to said convention, and to further state that this Association proposes to regulate and control the question of trail through Bent County.

The following resolution was adopted: Resolved that this Association send men to the State-line to instruct all persons contemplating the driving of cattle into this State, not to enter Bent County, and to also notify the foremen of those herds now within the County that they cannot cross the Arkansas River at this point or on any land belonging to members of this Association and to also notify them that the entire river front to the Kansas line is owned by members of this Association.

On motion it was ordered that the President appoint a committee of five to employ three men to carry out the resolutions before mentioned and report the names of the men employed to this meeting at 7 P. M. The chair appointed the following committee--A. Rhoads, J. C. Jones, M. H. Murray, R. M. Moore and J. N. Beatty.

Ordered that an Attorney be employed and that the foregoing committee suggest the names of several Attorneys from which a choice shall be made. Ordered that the Secretary telegraph the Resolution adopted by the Association to some prominent paper in Denver for publication.

Meeting adjourned to 7:00 P. M.

Evening Session

Assosiation met pursuant to adjournment.

The committee reported the names of C. A. Gust, G. I. Richmond, Jno. M. Waldron, and S. S. Wallace and also report that they have as yet secured the services of no one to carry out the provisions of the resolution and ask that further time be allowed which was granted.

The following resolution was offered and adopted.

Resolved: That this Association endorse the action of W. A. Towers in formally representing the Association at the joint convention held in Kansas City on the 20th day of April last.

On motion it was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to go to Pueblo and confer with Attorneys before mentioned.

There being no further business the Association adjourned.

G. M. Damison, Secretary

In pursuance of the order given the Secretary at the meeting of the Association on June the 6th Mr. G. I. Richmond was employed to represent the Association in all cases arising from the driving of Texas cattle in the county whose services were to be rendered for the sum of One Thousand Dollars and the action of the Secretary was confirmed by the Executive board on June 9th 1885.

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June 17th, 1885

Pursuant to a call the Association met and in the absence of the President, the meeting was called to order with Major W. A. Towers, Vice President in the chair.

A general discussion of the subject of trail was had. The sentiment of the members present was that the resolution adopted by the Association at its Annual Meeting should be strictly adhered to.

The Association being informed that a committee from the Denver Association consisting of Messrs. Wilson, Butler and Bowles were in town and would like to confer with the meeting. It was ordered that a committee of two be appointed to invite them to be present and the chair appointed R. G. Head and J. C. Jones.

The Denver Committee appeared before the meeting and stated that their object was to secure if possible the passage of Texas cattle through the county. The subject was fully discussed. After the Denver delegation had retired it was ordered that the chair appoint a committee of three to inform them that this Association proposed to stand and abide by the resolution formerly adopted. The chair appointed as such a committee, James C. Jones, R. G. Head, and J. N. Beattie.

On motion, it was ordered that the special committee appointed at the last meeting, proceed in their discretion to employ a suf-fient number of men to carry out the resolutions of the Association.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

G. M. Dameron Secretary

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Oct. 14th 1885

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Applications for membership from G. W. Phillips, Rufus Phillips, C. R. Tillett, Mrs. Jno. B. Carter, C. M. Falls, John Sisson, and W. A. Haws were received and duly elected as members of the Association.

Account of R. M. Moore for $31.05 allowed for expenses to Denver.

On motion of R. M. Moore, Mr. . Beatty was appointed to confer with Pitkin and Richmond and solicit a deduction from their fees as attorneys for the Association.

On motion the assessment committee was instructed to levy an assessment of $2500.00

On motion J. J. Lane, J. C. Jones and R. M. Moore were appointed a committee to select delegates to the National Convention and report names to the secretary.

Adjourned to Nov. 10th, 1885.

G. M. Dameron, Secretary.

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Dec. 23rd, 1885

The Assessment Committee met pursuant to a call.

On motion, the secretary was ordered to notify each member of the Association to report the number of cattle and horses owned on the first day of Jan. 1886 for the purposes of making the annual assessment.

On motion the committee adjourned to meet January 13th, 1886.

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January 13th, 1886

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Applications of Humphrey Best, and W. J. Todd were presented for membership and on motion the same were received and they were duly elected as members of this Association.

On motion of A. Rhoads the Association decided to elect 8 delegates to the meeting of the Range Association at Denver on the 27th.

On motion, James C Jones W. M. Withers, G. M. Woodworth A Rhoades, H. S. Holly Frank Nixon J. J. Lane and J. N. Beatty were duly elected as delegates.

Meeting adjourned.

G. M. Dameron.

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ASSESSMENT FOR 1885

| NAMES | NUMBER | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Adin Alexander | 1100 | 16.50 |
| A. J. Anderson | 300 | 4.50 |
| S. S. Tillett | 17650 | 264.75 |
| G. R. Buckey | 175 | 2.62 |
| J. N. Beatty | 18000 | 270.00 |
| A. R. Black | 4200 | 63.00 |
| F. H. Brandenburg | 100 | 1.50 |
| Luke Cahill | 2000 | 30.00 |
| H. B. Cartter | 1800 | 27.00 |
| Felix Cain | 600 | 9.00 |
| John Conway | 350 | 5.25 |
| L. M. Campbell | 100 | 1.50 |
| G. M. Dameron | 300 | 4.50 |
| F. N. Davis | 600 | 9.00 |
| P. W. Duval | 250 | 3.75 |
| F. J. Effner | 200 | 3.00 |
| M Garrity | 500 | 7.50 |
| John H. Flarity | 135 | 2.02 |
| James Graham | 1600 | 24.00 |
| H. S. Holly | 12500 | 187.50 |
| A. D. Hudnall | 620 | 9.30 |
| Geo. H. Hill | 450 | 6.75 |
| J. H. Harrelson | 900 | 13.50 |
| Reubin Irwin | 100 | 1.50 |
| A. W. Johnson | 300 | 4.50 |
| J. C. Jones | 1950 | 29.25 |
| John H. Jay | 100 | 1.50 |
| W. W. Jones | 140 | 2.10 |
| Richard Klett | 2300 | 34.50 |
| Henry Kellogg | 280 | 4.20 |
| Daniel Kessee | 200 | 3.00 |
| Lane and Murray | 6000 | 90.00 |
| John Lee | 300 | 5.50 |
| R. M. Moore | 7000 | 105.00 |
| M. H. Muth | 1018 | 15.27 |
| D. C. Mastin | 3500 | 52.50 |
| James Malloy | 2400 | 36.00 |
| Frank Mixon | 150 | 2.25 |
| J. C. Vroman | 2900 | 43.50 |
| M. J. McMillau | 225 | 3.37 |
| W. G. McAfee | 5000 | 75.00 |
| J. A. McClain | 750 | 11.20 |
| T. B. Nolan | | |
| Boss Perry | 300 | 4.50 |
| J. H. Preston | 640 | 9.60 |
| Prowers Estate | 16000 | 240.00 |
| C. S. Parsons | 50 | .75 |

| Name | Number | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| G. W. Peck | 600 | 9.00 |
| Abe Peterson | 275 | 4.12 |
| T. B. Porter | 400 | 6.00 |
| A. S. Polk | 2200 | 33.00 |
| W. B. Pearl | 300 | 4.50 |
| James Reid | 400 | 6.00 |
| Sam T. Smith | 2000 | 30.00 |
| G. B. Slattery | 200 | 3.00 |
| G. Robinson | 1140 | 17.10 |
| P. G. Scott | 100 | 1.50 |
| D. C. Sullivan | | |
| W. H. Stone | 650 | 9.75 |
| W. A. Towers | 8400 | 126.00 |
| Raynolds Cattle Co. | 6000 | 90.00 |
| A. Rhoads & Bro | 2660 | 39.90 |
| J. N. Wyatt | 200 | 3.00 |
| Jacob Weil | 400 | 6.00 |
| R. H. Weller | 3500 | 52.50 |
| Wm. Withers | 44000 | 660.00 |
| G. M. Woodworth | 4500 | 67.50 |
| J. E. York | 50 | .75 |
| Ben York | 70 | 1.05 |
| J. P. Macey | 100 | 1.50 |
| G. W. Phillips | 169 | 2.53 |
| Rufus Phillips | 500 | 7.50 |
| Mrs. Jno. B. Carter | | |
| H. M. Falls | 4000 | 60.00 |
| John Sisson | 200 | 3.00 |
| W. A. Haws | 45 | .67 |
| W. B. Pearl | | |
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WEST LAS ANIMAS
April 14 1886

The Association met in regular quarterly meeting at 10:00 O'clock A. M.

There being few ~~members present~~, on motion the meeting adjourned to 2:oo P. M.

The Association met promptly at 2 P. M. pursuant to adjurnment.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The name of R. G. Potter was presented for membership and ballot was taken and Mr. Potter declared duly elected to become a member by payment of the usual dues.

On motion the reporters of tho various papers were invited forward to the table.

It appearing that few members had paid their dues, on motion, a recess of 15 minutes was taken in order that delinquent members might have time settle same and thereby secure a vote in the meeting.

On expiration of the recess the meeting was promptly called to order.

On motion, the Prowers Estate was reinstated to membership by

payment of all dues to the Association.

P. G. Scott, Treasurer made his annual report which was examined, found correct and duly approved.

The next order of business being the election of officers and on motion an informal vote was taken for President for the ensuing year which resulted as follows

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| R. M. Moore | 34 votes |
| J. N. Beatty | 13 votes |

The election of officers then proceeded and resulted as follows:

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| R. M. Moore | President |
| Wm. Withers | First Vice President |
| H. S. Holly | Second Vice President |
| G. M. Dameron | Secretary |
| P. G. Scott | Treasurer |

J. N. Beatty, Sam T. Smith and H. R. Tillett--Assissment Committee.

On motion the retiring officers were tendered the thanks of the Association for their services during the past year.

On motion it was ordered that Wm. Withers be recommended by this Association to the Governor for the office of Inspection Commissioner.

On motion it was ordered that the chair appoint a committee of three to draft resolutions concerning the fencing of the Trail. The chair appointed G. M. Dameron, J. N. Beatty and H. S. Holly.

On motion, Wm. Withers, S. T. Smith, Wm. Riley, Albert Mosty, James Harrelson and J. N. Beatty were appointed as a committee to confer with the Round-up Commissioners and arrange the work for the spring round-up and report at 1 P. M. Thursday.

The secretary made report that there were 52 mavericks branded, during the previous year.

Messrs. Mosty, Muth and Perry were appointed to appraise a calf belonging to A. Peterson. which was branded by mistake as a maverick. The committee reported the value of the calf fifteen dollars, and an order on the Treasurer was orderedto issue therefor.

The meeting adjourned to 10:oo A. M., Thursday.

Thursday April 15th, 1886

The Association met persuant to adjournment.

The Round-up Committee made report which is approved and is as follows:

The outfit which works East to meet at the Adams ranch on the 15th of May, hunt the Carizzo, then cross to the lower water on the Pasique, hunt the lower end of the Rabbit Ear Mountain and the country between there and the Buffalo Springs pasture fence, down the Scnagea down the Carampa to lower water, cross to and down the Colo Spring to Cimmaron, down the Cimmaron as far as needed, cross to Bear, up Bear to the Arkansas River, up the River to the 70 Ranch, cross to 15 mile water on Clay, up Clay and down Mud, up Caddoa and down Rule Creek and finish.

Wm. Riley is recommended as Captain of this hunt till they leave the Cimmaron, then Sol Coxhead to be captain.

The party which hunts West to meet at the Thompson ranch on the Parique on the 25th of May, Hunt the upper Parique and upper end of the Rabbit Ear Mountain across the R ya Rafael and to the upper part of the Casampa, down the Casampa to the plank corral across to South Carizzo down the Carizzo to Cimmaron, cross to North Canon, hunt the North Canon and head of the red Canon and Gallinos, cross to the mouth of Carizzo, up the Carizzo to the head split the hunt and part hunt the pockets and down the Pinon. The other go to theKutch Camp and down to the 20 Mile Spring, meet at mouth of Pinon down Smith Canon to Purgatoire through the Muddy Gap down to forks of Rule Creek, up Johnny Branch to Alkali holes across to Cottonwood Arroya. over to mouth of Freezeout up Butte and Mustang and finish. This hunt to be run by a Mexico man to Cimmaron from there Ed Eddleman to have charge.

The local hunt for northern men to meet at the State line on Bear Creek on the 10th of May. Hunt up Bear Creek, cross to the mouth of Freezeout, down Butte to Arkansas River, up river to Prowers ranch, cross to 15 mile water on Clay Creek up Clay and down Mud, up Caddoa and down Rule and finish. James Harrelson to be Captain of this hunt.

The committee further recommend that the Captains be paid only for actual days work done while on the general spring round-up in this District.

A resolution was offered by J. N. Beatty that the standing reward offered by the Association for the capture and conviction of any stealing stock from members of the Association be reduced from one thousand to five hundred dollars, which being put to a vote was carried and it was ordered that said reduction be made.

On motion it was declared that it was the sense of this Association that stock yards should and ought to be placed just East of the Pergatorie Bridge for the accommodation of the shippers of cattle of this District.

Mr. G. M. Woodworth then proceeded to sell the mavaricks for the year. H. S. Holly offering $9.00 per head was declared the purchaser.

On motion it was ordered that S. T. Smith and H. R. Tillett be recommended to fill the vacancies caused by the resignation of A. Rhoads, and A. R. Black as Roundup Commissioners.

A general discussion was then had regarding the advisability of joining the Range Association and it was ordered that the Secretary be instructed to notify each member that a vote would be taken at the next regular meeting on the subject and that each could cast his vote through the Secretary by letter.

The meeting then adjourned.

G. M. Dameron, Secretary

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Las Animas July 14th, 1886

Meeting called to order. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Application for membership made by Murrdo Mackinzie. A ballot being taken Mr. Mackinzie was duly elected.

Application for membership was made by Oscar Schmidt and a ballot being taken he was declared duly elected.

Motion made and carried that the action of the Executive Committee in retaining the money due the Association from Chas Todd out of the funds received by the Inspector from sale of hides belonging to the Todd and Pusey cattle be sustained.

A committee consisting of Maj. Towers and J. Will was appointed to inform Col. Todd of the action of the Association. The committee reported that said action was satisfactory to Col. Todd.

The question of joining the Range Association was fully discussed, and on motion the matter was indefinitely postponed.

A motion was made and carried that it is the sense of this Association, that any person violating the provisions of the provisions of the state sanitary and quarantine laws should be prosecuted to the full extent of the same.

On motion it was ordered that our Senator and Representative be requested to use their efforts in securing a law offering a bounty on wolf scalps and the Secretary was ordered to confer with other Associations and urge their cooperation in the matter.

On motion it was ordered that the Executive Committee was empowered to control the action of the Inspector in inspecting hides of cattle belonging to parties not members of the Association and it was also ordered that said committee use their discretion in settling for hides already inspected.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to correspond with the Secretary of the State Association relative to the money derived from sale of conscript hides.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

G. M. Dameron, Secretary

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Las Animas Sept. 7, 1886

A call meeting of the Association was held Sept. 7th, 1886.

The meeting was called to order by the President who stated that the object of the same was to consider the action of Geo. W. Thompson and others in turning large numbers of cattle on the range belonging to members of this Association.

A full and free discussion of the subject was had by the members present.

Mr. Thompson being present was invited to address the meeting, and show his right, if any, to turn his cattle loose.

Mr. Thompson being unable to show any legal or moral range right the following resolution was presented and adopted to wit:

Whereas, it appears to this Association that the range belonging to and controlled by the members thereof is now fully stocked to its utmost capacity and the driving in and turning loose of more cattle thereon will work a great hardship and material loss to all persons engaged in the cattle business. And it further appearing that a large number of cattle have already been turned loose within the last month by parties without due range rights

Therefore be it resolved: That this Association discountinance in the severest terms the action of said parties in thus trespassing on the rights of the members of this Association and that said parties be requested to remove said cattle at once.

Cattle

Resolved: That we warn all persons who contemplate bringing in and turning loose cattle on the range occupied by the members of this Association that steps will be taken to protect ourselves in our legal and long established rights. "self preservation is the first law of nature" while we make no threats we mean business.

On motion, it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed to confer with parties who have turned cattle loose on our range within the last month and notify them of the action of this Association and ascertain the rights of said parties, and if said committee find such parties have no rights that can be recognized by this Association, then to insist that said parties shall comply with the conditions set forth in the foregoing resolution.

The chair appointed A. R. Black J. C. Jones, & Wm. Withers.

On motion of A. Rhoads a committee of five was appointed consisting of G. R. Potter J. C. Jones, A. R. Black, A. Rhoads and Wm. Withers to determine the rights of members on the range in proportion to their water privileges, said committee to report at the next regular meeting.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

G. M. Dameron, Secretary

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ASSESSMENT FOR 1886

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|---|---|---|
| A. Alexander | 550 | 5.50 |
| A. J. Anderson | 150 | 1.50 |
| H. Tillett | 8825 | 88.25 |
| G. R. Buckey | 340 | 3.40 |
| A. R. Black | 1500 | 15.00 |
| F. H. Brandenbury | 100 | 1.00 |
| Luke Cahill | 1000 | 10.00 |
| H. B. Cartter | 900 | 9.00 |
| Felix Cain | 300 | 3.00 |
| L. M. Campbell | 100 | 1.00 |
| G. M. Dameron | 150 | 1.50 |
| F. N. Davis | 300 | 3.00 |
| F. J. Effner | 100 | 1.00 |
| M. Garrity | 250 | 2.50 |
| J. H. Flarity | 68 | .68 |
| James Graham | 800 | 8.00 |
| H. S. Holly | 6250 | 62.50 |
| Geo. H. Hill | 500 | 5.00 |
| J. H. Harrelson | 450 | 4.50 |
| Rub Irvin | 100 | 1.00 |
| A. W. Johnson | 150 | 1.50 |
| J. C. Jones | 975 | 9.75 |
| Jno. H. Jay | 100 | 1.00 |
| W. W. Jones | 140 | 1.40 |
| Richard Klett | 1150 | 11.50 |
| Henry Kellog | 280 | 2.80 |
| Dan Kessee | 200 | 2.00 |
| Lane & Murray | 3000 | 30.00 |
| J. W. Lee | 300 | 3.00 |
| W. A. Haws | 45 | .45 |
| W. B. Peart | 70 | .70 |
| J. N. Beaty | 9000 | 90.00 |
| Oscar Schmidt | 1000 | 10.00 |
| R. M. Moore | 3500 | 35.00 |
| M. H. Muth | 506 | 5.06 |
| James Malloy | 1200 | 12.00 |
| Frank Nixon | 75 | .75 |
| J. C. Vroman | 1450 | 14.50 |

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|---|---|---|
| M. J. McMillan | 225 | 2.25 |
| Jno. W. McClain | 375 | 3.75 |
| Boss Perry | 150 | 1.50 |
| J. H. Preston | 520 | 5.20 |
| Prowers Estate | 8000 | 80.00 |
| C. S. Parsons | 50 | .50 |
| Geo. Peck | 300 | 3.00 |
| A. Peterson | 275 | 2.75 |
| T. B. Porter | 200 | 2.00 |
| James Reid | 200 | 2.00 |
| Sam T. Smith | 1000 | 10.00 |
| G. Robinson | 570 | 5.70 |
| P. G. Scott | 100 | 1.00 |
| W. H. Stone | 268 | 2.68 |
| W. A. Towers | 4200 | 42.00 |
| Raynolds Cattle Co. | 3000 | 30.00 |
| A. Rhoads & Bro | 2330 | 23.30 |
| J. N. Wyatt | 100 | 1.00 |
| Wm. Withers | 22000 | 220.00 |
| G. M. Woodworth | 2250 | 22.50 |
| J. E. York | 50 | .50 |
| Ben York | 70 | .70 |
| J. P. Macey | 100 | 1.00 |
| Rufus Phillip | 250 | 2.50 |
| Guy R. Potter | 2000 | 20.00 |
| Jno. Sisson | 700 | 7.00 |
| A. D. Hudnall | 310 | 3.10 |

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Las Animas Oct. 23, 1886

Meeting called to order by Mr. Withers First Vice President.

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

Report of the committee on the George W. Thompson matter received and committee discharged.

Committee on Range Rights was granted until the Annual meeting to make report.

The account of James Folwell for $500 for capture and conviction of one James Smith for stealing a XY horse was presented and allowed.

On motion it was ordered that J. N. Beaty be recommended to the Governor for appointment as a member of the State Veterinary Board.

On motion meeting adjourned.

G. M. Dameron, Secretary.

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Las Animas January 12th, 1887

Meeting was called to order by the President.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion, the Secretary was ordered to confer with Wilbur F. Stone of Denver in regard to collecting from the Railroad the amount due for unknown cattle killed and he was authorized to give one half of the amount recovered to Mr. Stone for his services.

On motion, Mr. M.H. Murray was authorized to go to Huarfano County and recover his colt at the expense of the Association.

On motion it was ordered that James Harrelson be paid from July 15th to Dec. 31st at the rate of $25.00 per month for his services as inspector at Kansas City.

Meeting adjourned.

G. M.Dameron, Secretary

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Las Animas March 9th, 1887

A call meeting of the Association was held for the purpose of recommending Round-up Commissioners for the year 1887.

On motion, J. C. Jones, A. Rhoads, and H. R. Tillett were recommended to the Governor for his consideration.

On motion the acting President appointed A. Rhoads, M. H. Murray and G. M. Dameron a committee to confer with the City Council relative to securing the Town Hall for the use of the Association.

Meeting adjourned.

G. M. Dameron, Secretary.

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Las Animas, Colo. April 30th, 1887

At a meeting of the Executive and Assessment Committee held on the above date the following business was done.

Applications for the position of Inspector were made by Boss Perry, J. N. Wyatt, Charles Wortman and Simpson.

Ballot being taken resulted in the unanimous election for J. N. Wyatt and it was ordered that he commence work May 15th.

It was ordered that the Assessment for 1887 be made at one per cent on the basis of 1886 with the following exceptions.
H. S. Holly raised to 11.250
G. M. Woodworth raised to 3000
J. M. McMillan reduced to 175.

Meeting adjourned

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Las Animas Nov. 12th, 1887

Meeting was called to order by R. M. Moore in the chair.

A general discussion of range matters was had by the members present and without any official action of the Association it was agreed that riders be put on to watch the interests of the members to wit:
Moore, Tillet and Porter one rider each. Woodworth, Malloy Carter, Chatfield and Reid one. Rhoads Bros and Prairie Cattle Co., one each, and it was further agreed that the work of each rider should hereafter be apportioned.

On motion it was ordered that an assessment of 2 cents per head be levied for defraying expenses for 1887.

Ordered that the Assessment committee meet Tuesday the 22nd and the Secretary notify each member thereof.

Meeting adjourned.

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| Assessment for 1887 | | Number | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| A. Alexander | | 1750 | 35.00 |
| A. J. Anderson | | 150 | 3.00 |
| H. R. Tillett | | 8825 | 176.50 |
| Geo. R. Buckey | | 500 | 10.00 |
| A. R. Black | | 1500 | 30.00 |
| F. H. Brandenbury | | 100 | 2.00 |
| Luke Cahill | | 1000 | 20.00 |
| H. B. Cartter | | 900 | 18.00 |
| Felix Cain | | 50 | 1.00 |
| L. M. Campbell | | 100 | 2.00 |
| G. M. Dameron | | 50 | 1.00 |
| F. N. Davis | | 300 | 6.00 |
| F. J. Efner | | 100 | 2.00 |
| John Flarity | | 68 | 1.36 |
| James Graham | | 800 | 16.00 |
| H. S. Holly | | 11250 | 225.00 |
| J. H. Harrelson | | 225 | 4.50 |
| Reub Irwin | | 100 | 2.00 |
| A. W. Johnson | | 150 | 3.00 |
| J. C. Jones | | 975 | 19.50 |
| J. H. Jay | | 100 | 2.00 |
| W. W. Jones | | 140 | 2.80 |
| Richard Klett | | 575 | 11.50 |
| Henry Kellogg | | 280 | 5.60 |
| Dan Kessee | | 200 | 4.00 |
| Lane and Murray | | 3000 | 60.00 |
| John Lee | | 300 | 6.00 |
| W. A. Haw | | 45 | .90 |
| W. B. Peost | | 70 | 1.40 |
| J. N. Beaty | | 5000 | 100.00 |
| Oscar P. Schmidt | | 1500 | 30.00 |
| R. M. Moore | | 3500 | 70.00 |
| M. H. Muth | | 250 | 5.00 |
| James Malloy | | 1500 | 30.00 |
| Frank Mixon | | 2000 | 40.00 |
| M. J. McMillan | | 175 | 3.50 |
| Jno. W. McClean | paid | 375 | 3.75 |
| Boss Perry | | 100 | 2.00 |
| J. H. Preston | | 1000 | 20.00 |
| Prowers Estate | | 7000 | 140.00 |
| C. S. Parsons | | 50 | 1.00 |
| Geo. Peck | | 300 | 6.00 |
| Abe Peterson | | 350 | 7.00 |
| T. B. Porter | | 200 | 4.00 |
| James Reid | | 300 | 4.00 |
| Sam T. Smith | | 1000 | 20.00 |
| G. E. Robinson | | 570 | 11.40 |
| P. G. Scott | | 100 | 2.00 |
| W. H. Stone | | 250 | 5.00 |
| W. A. Towers | | 1000 | 20.00 |
| Reynolds Cattle Co. | | 3500 | 70.00 |
| A. Rhoads & Bro | | 2300 | 46.00 |
| Joe N. Wyatt | | 100 | 2.00 |
| Wm. Withers | | 20000 | 400.00 |
| G. M. Woodworth | | 3000 | 60.00 |
| Guy R. Potter | | 1500 | 30.00 |
| John Sisson | | 700 | 14.00 |
| A. D. Hudnall | | 200 | 4.00 |
| Thos. H. Godwin | | 500 | 10.00 |
| E. C. Dudley | | 1000 | 20.00 |
| J. P. Macey | | 100 | 2.00 |

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| A. Alexander | reduced to | 1200 |
| J. H. Preston | reduced to | 500 |

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April 12th, 1888

The annual meeting was called to order by R. M. Moore,

Roll being called very few members were found present.

Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

P. G. Scott, Treasurer made report of the financial transactions of the year which was duly accepted.

The election of officers for the ensuing year being in order and the ballots taken, the following officers were declared duly elected.

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| R. M. Moore | President |
| G. M. Dameron | Secretary |
| P. G. Scott | Treasurer |
| H. S. Holly | 1st Vice President |
| Wm. Withers | 2nd. Vice President |

H. B. Cartter )
H. R. Tillett ) Assessment Committee
J. N. Beaty )

On motion , A. Mosty, Geo. Miller, Wm. Riley, M. H. Murth and G. M. Woodworth were appointed a round up committee to designate route for work this year.

Adjourned to 2 P. M.

Association called to order at 2:30 P. M.

The round up committee made report which was duly accepted.

Ordered that H. R. Tillett, J. C. Jones and A. Rhoads be recommended to the Governor for appointment as round up commissioners.

The account of H. R. Tillett and Guy A. Potter was referred to the secretary and Mr. Tillett.

Ordered that all employees of this Association be instructed not to work for or give information to any one not a member of this or some adjoining association of cattle inspected or killed by the Railroad under the penalty of being discharged.

Mavaricks were sold to A. Rhoads for 6.00 per head and to be branded XZ on left side and to be paid for on presentation of Round up Captain's receipt.

Adjourned.

G. M. Dameron, Secretary

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Las Animas June 9th, 1888

Meeting of the Executives and Assessment Committee called to order by R. M. Moore, president.

On motion it was ordered that the Association discontinue the offer of a reward for conviction any person for killing or stealing cattle or horses belonging to members, it being the opinion of the

committee that the money paid in rewards can be more effectively used in employing detectives.

On motion it was ordered that R. M. Moore and P. G. Scott be empowered to settle with H. S. Holly for assessment of 1887.

Ordered that 1½ cents per head be levied for assessment of 1888.

Adjourned

G. M. Dameron, Secretary

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Las Animas, Colorado May 10th, 1889

The annual meeting of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association met at the City Hall. A large number of stock men from different parts of the state were present.

The meeting was called to order by the President and following business was had and done.

The election of officers being the first order of business members were elected

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| R. M. Moore | President |
| Wm. Withers | 1st Vice President |
| H. S. Holley | 2nd Vice President |
| A. Rhoads | Secretary |
| P. G. Scott | Treasurer |
| H. B. Carter ) | |
| H. R. Tillett ) | Assessment Committee |
| G. N. Beatty ) | |

Received report of treasurers disbursments

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|---|---|---|
| Salary Wyatt | 100.00 | |
| Detective Durke | 59.00 | |
| Detective Donell | 13.00 | |
| Detective Durke | 41.00 | |
| Detective Idice Wilber | 12.65 | |
| Attorneys Fees, La Junta | 60.25 | |
| Attorneys Fees, Las Animas | 10.00 | |
| Salary, Dameron | 50.00 | |
| Locals and Advertising | 31.60 | |
| Exp Wyatt | 18.35 | |
| Boots | 4.50 | |
| Hides, La Junta | 2.00 | |
| Books | .35 | 435.70 |
| Dr Old Treasurer Acct. | 33.00 | |
| Balance on Hand | | $ 203.65 |

P. G. Scott, Treasurer

#1. Motion of H. S. Holley, Snd by Wm. Withers for President to name round up committee following men were named: Wm. Withers, W. Sum, Wm. Riley, Luke Cahill, Frank Tate, Geo. Webster, Lou Gentry.

#2. Motion by Wm. Withers that Parties owning and interested in cattle instruct their foremanmen driving cattle and Captains of round ups to make round up so as not drive cattle too far and to see that cattle are not run or abused in any in bringing them into the round up.

#3. A motion of Wm. Withers that all persons belonging to this Association shall be governed in the round up of cattle by the plan of round up made bythe committee and no person shall gather in cattle

on the range at any other time except by permission of Round up committee.

#4. Mavericks sold to Lou Gentry for the sum of seven and .50 dollars (7.50) per head branded )) on both sides and ear marked thus with M on neck.

Resignation of H. Rhoads received for round up commissioners and James Maloy recommended in his place to the Governor for Commissioner for Dist. #1.

Round up program report received and passed.

Eastern hunt to begin at Boint of Rocks on the Cimmarron on the 20th day of May, huning up Cimmaron and Cold Spring Aurroya, down South Canon and up to head of Guivnas, then send cattle home, then go to round up tree on Bear Creek, up Bear Creek to the head, then across to head of Freeze out then down Freeze out and down Butte Creek to the Arkansas River, up River to Clay Creek. Up Clay and down Muddy, up Caddoa, down Rule Creek then back up to N. Ranch on Purgatoire and then finish.

Will Reiley will run round up on Cimmarron and to head of Guivnas and Wm. Muth from round Top tree to finish.

Western Hunt will meet on the lower water on Crampaw May 20th and work up Crampaw to Santa Fe Crossing down the road cannon, go up to mouth of Long Canon on Cimmarron, work down Cimmarron to mouth of West Carriza up Carriza to head of West Carrize, hunt the Pockets down, down Pinion and South Cannon, through Muddy Gap to Slavlia Holes over to the mouth of Freeze out, up Mustang and out to Crush Camp and finish. And Frank Forrest will take charge of this hunt.

Approved by: H. R. Tillert, Abram Rhoads, and J. C. Jones, Round-up Commissioners.

Eastern and Western hunt will meet at the head of the Guivnas and at the mouth of North Carrizo. This means the first one to arrive there will wait till other hunt gets in.

And the fall hunt will go over the same ground as the spring hunt and dates will be fixed by the round-up commissioners.

The part of the hunt that has been hunted by this hunt in New Mexico heretofore South of the Cimmarron will be hunted with the North Eastern New Mexico Association.

On motion of R. M. Moore, seconded by P. G. Scott a vote of thanks was extended to the mayor for use of CityHall.

Being no further business on motion Wm. Withers meeting adjourned subject to call of President.

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1890 ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 9th, 1890

Meeting was called to order by the President at 10 O'clock A. M. A large number of stock raisers were present. A general discussion of the interests of cattle raisers was indulged in before getting to business, finally the proceedings of the last meeting were read and approved. The report of the Treasurer was next. The report of the Treasurer received and approved and ordered placed on file. The report is as follows:

Treasurers Report

Disbursements

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| Paid Attorney C. Way | 10.00 |
| Paid Attorney Huffimire | 40.00 |
| Paid Geo. Hill Services | 45.00 |

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| Paid Wash Head | 1.00 |
| Expense Wyatt & Maxwell | 18.75 |
| Rhoads Bros. Cartrages | 2.00 |
| Bal on hand | 215.90 |
| | ~~$332.65~~ |

Receipts

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| Bal on hand April 10th 1889 | 203.65 |
| Received from dues | 24.00 |
| Received from Assessments | 105.00 |
| | $332.65 |

Balance on hand April 9th 1890 $215.90

Election of Officers

The election of officers was the next thing in order when the following persons were elected.

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| R. M. Moore | President |
| Wm. Withers | 1st Vice President |
| H. S. Holly | 2nd. Vice President |
| P. G. Scott | Treasurer |
| Abram Rhoads | Secretary |

On motion of M. McKenzie, the President was authorized to appoint a committee on Round up and thereupon the President appointed the following committee:

Round-up Committee

Frank Forrest, Walter Dunn, Wm. Riley, Wm. Muth, Frank Tate.

Assessment Committee

The following persons were selected as a committee on assessment:

John Alexander, Frank Forrest John S. Rhoads.

Committee on resolutions were chosen as follows:
Murdo McKenzie, Wm. Withers, H. S. Holly, Fred Harvey, Jr. J. N. Beaty, R. M. Moore

Adjourned until 2 O'Clock P. M.

Round-up Committee Report

Afternoon--the meeting called to order and Round-up Committee reported as follows:

Eastern Hunt--Commence May 25th at Point of Rocks, work up the Cimarron to Cold Spring Arroya. Up Cold Spring and down South Carriso to the Cimarron. Work North and Red Canon and the Guineas. Send cattle home and meet at Round Top Tree on Bear Creek. Work up Bear and Horse Creeks to head of same. Thence over to Freezeout down Freezeout and Butte to Arkansas River. Thence up to Clay Creek, up Clay and down Mud, up Caddoa and down Rule, up the Purgatoire and finish at the N Ranch.

Western Hunt--Commence at the middle water on the Carrenpaugh Work up the Carrenpaugh to the "Lower Lujan Place."

Western Hunt

Then starting at the mouth of Long Canon, work down the Cimarron to the mouth of Carriso. Thence up the Carriso through the pockets and down Pinyon and Smith Canons, down Muddy to the forks of Rule Creek, up Rule Creek to Alkali Holes, thence across to Mustang. Thence down Butte to Freezeout, up Freezeout to the head. Thence across the country to Couch Camp and finish. After parting with New Mexico outfits at mouth Carriso to send one wagon South with New Mexico outfits as far as necessary. Report signed by the Committee.

~~Received~~ and adopted.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

Whereas: it has come to the knowledge of members of this Association that persons driving herds of cattle through this state to

the Northern States and Territories have driven off their range a large number of cattle belonging to members of this Association.

Therefore be it resolved:

That this Association disapproves of the practice in most emphatic terms and that the Association instruct its Executive Committee to use every effort in putting a stop to this practice and be it further resolved: That whenever any cattle belonging to members of this Assosiation are found in "through herds" off of the range which such cattle belong to the Executive Committee are authorized and instructed to have the person in charge of such herd arrested and prosecuted.

Resolved: That all herds coming from South of Colorado to be driven to any state or territory North of Colorado shall be driven over what is known as the Old National Trail and we will use all legal means to confine such herds to said tr ail.

Resolved: That this Association will strictly enforce the quarentine laws of this State and will prosecute any person driving Southern cattle through territory Occupied by members of this Association who have not a lawful bill of health.

Resolved: That this Association respectfully recommend Ed McClain for appointment by the Sanitory Board as their Agent to be stationed on the Southern border of this State and that said agent be instructed by said Board to direct all persons driving herds found North of Colorado to keep the Old National Trail on the East line of this state.

The President was authorized to procure legal advice as to whether persons can be forced to pay damage for trespass upon land not fenced.

Mavericks were sold by the Secretary and were purchased by Abram Rhoads at five dollars and seventy five cents per head.($5.75)

R. M. Moore Acting Secretary

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1891

ANNUAL MEETING, 1891, April 8th

Members of the Association met at the Council Chamber.Good attendance and the following business was transacted.

Proceedings of meeting of 1890 were read and approved.

Report of Treasurer

Motion by J. M. Beatty and seconded by A. Rhoads that report of Treasurer be received as follows: Same carried.

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| Disbursments viz: | |
| Paid livery to S. G. Wright | 2.00 |
| Attorney Fees to La Junta | 50.00 |
| Traveling expense Wyatt, Inspector | 14.35 |
| To Balance | 228.30 |
| | 294.65 |

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| Receipts vis: | |
| Dues paid by Members | 28.00 |
| Assessments | 35.25 |
| Maverick Horse sold by Wyatt | 15.50 |
| Balance from last statement | 215.90 |
| | 294.65 |

Members Admitted

Motion by H. S. Holley seconded by Walter Dunn that Mr. J. S. Johnston and Mr. M. R. Hightower be admitted as members of the Prarie Cattle Co. Same carried.

Motion by H. S. Holley, Seconded by James C. Johnston that Mr. J. S. Robinson of XY be admitted as a member of this Association. Same carried.

Election of Officers

Motion by James C. Johnston and seconded by A. Rhoads that the election of officers by acclamation. Same carried.

Motion by James C. Johnston and seconded by J. N. Beatty that R. M. Moore be president . So carried.

Motion by A. Rhoads that Mr. James C. Johnston be 1st Vice President. Same carried.

Motion by Jno. Lee Seconded by H. S. Holley, that William Muth be 2nd Vice President Same carried.

Motion by P. G. Scott that A. Rhoads be secretary. Same carried.

Motion by J. N. Beatty, Seconded by H. S. Holley that P. G. Scott be Treasurer. So carried.

Assessment Committee

Motion by J. N. Beatty and seconded by H. S. Holley that assessment be appointed. Same carried. Chair appointed H. S. Holley and Beatty.

Round-up Committee

Motion by J. N. Beatty and seconded by A. Rhoads that the chair appoint a committee of 5 on round-up. Same carried.

M. R. Hightower — Gid Miller
J. N. Beatty — Jno. Alexander
Walter Dunn

Motion by J. N. Beatty to adjourn to meet at 2 P. M.

Met at 2 P. M. April 8, 1892. Hear and received the report of Round-up committee as below shown.

Motion by Jno. Alexander, seconded by M. R. Hightower that same be accepted. So carried

Eastern Hunt

The Eastern hunt to begin at state line on Bear Creek; up Bear to the forks of Horse and split one outfit going up Horse Creek and the other up Bear and meet at Soldiers Camp. Cross over to the North of Freeze Out, down Butte Creek to the mouth of the Arkansas to Clay Creek, up Clay, down Mud, up Caddoa, down Rule, and up Picketwire and finish at the N Ranch. The outfits to then drop back to the Point of Rocks on the Cimarron and meet the Canadian outfit.

This hunt to begin May the 25.

Signed

M. R. Hightower
G. T. Miller
J. N. Beatty
Wm. H. Murth
Jno. Alexander.

Western Hunt

The Western Hunt to begin at the Middle Water on the Currempaugh. Work up the Currempaugh to the Santa Fe crossing along the Brakes of Road Canon down Travisier, pull up the Cimarron to Long Canon then down the Cimarron to the mouth of the Carrizo. Up the Carrizo to the head through the pockets down Pinon Canon and Smith to the Picketwire. Through Muddy Gaps, down Muddy to the forks of Johnnie, up to Alkali Holes, across from there by Shell Rock to the mouth of Freeze Out. Here the outfits to split. One outfit going up Freeze out, work the head of Mustang and Willow Springs, across the country to Couch Camp and finish. The other up Butte and finish at Couch Camp.

This hunt to begin May 25.

Signed
M. R. Hightower
G. T. Miller
Wm. Muth
John Alexander
J. N. Beatty.

Motion by Jno. Lee and seconded by J. N. Beatty that Wm. Thompson shall be issued a certificate and be empowered to take possession of and prosecute all parties holding and handling any cattle or horses of members of this Association. Same carried.

Motion by M. R. Hightower, seconded by H. S. Holley to adjourn subject to call of President. Same carried.

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Bent County Stock Association held at the City Hall of Las Animas, Colorado on April 25th 1892.

Meeting was called to order by the President, R. M. Moore.

A committee of five, namely, Messrs Dunn, Hightower, Muth, Murray and Robertson, being appointed to arrange the Round-up for the coming summer. The meeting adjourned till 1:30 P. M.

On the reassembling of the meeting, order being called and the report of the Round-up Committee having been turned in and approved, in the absence of Mr. A. Rhoads, Mr. J. Scott Robertson was appointed Secretary "pro tem".

Mr. Johnson having moved that the existing rules for the admission of new members to the Association should be suspended, seconded by Mr. Dunn. The motion was carried unanimously and Messrs Abbott and Harrelson were admitted as new members in due form.

The Treasurer, Mr. P. G. Scott, then made a statement of the Receipts and Disbursements of the past year, showing a balance on hand of $231.05.

Brand B4J

R. M. Moore, then brought up the question of the advisability of having a maverick brand and showed the brand as allowed by the Secretary of State. The Brand being B4J. No ear mark. Mr. Rhoads moved that the brand should be adopted with the addition of the ear mark of "swallow fork" both ears. Mr. Towers seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Mr. J. R. Towers moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Foreman of the wagons should elect and appoint at the commencement of the Round-up a Captain, who shall receive a remuneration for his services. At the rate of $2.00 per day for the time he will be employed as Captain. Motion carried.

R. M. Moore, moved that there should be levied an assessment of $20.00 per member for those who have 5000 head of cattle on the range. $10.00 per member for those who have 1000 head of cattle. $5.00 per member for those who have 500 head of cattle and $2.00 per member for those who have less than 500 head of cattle. This assessment to be in addition to the annual dues.

Mr. Malloy made an amendment that the assessment should be reduced to $10.00, 5.00, 2.50 and 1.00 respectively. The motion was carried under Mr. Malloy's amendment.

Mr. Rhoads made a motion that the Treasurer should give the Secretary a list of delinquent dues, and that the Secretary should notify such delinquents. Mr. Towers seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Johnson moved that the officers of the Association be reelected with the exception of Mr. J. Scott, Robertson name being substituted in the place of Mr. Johnson's as Vice President

of the Association.

Mr. Malloy seconded the motion which was carried.

Mr. Rhoads moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson that the meeting of the Assoc iation should be adjourned. Motion carried.

Signed. J. Scott Rebertson, Secretary Pro Tem

April 25, 1892

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A call meeting of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held at the office of C. B. Meeker on the 19th day of July 1892.

The members present were R. M. Moore. President, Jas. C. Johnson, H. C. Abbott M. R. Hightower M. H. Murray and Abram Rhoads.

Folling business was disposed of:

Motion by R. M. Moore seconded by Jas. C. Johnson that J. C. and P. S. Jones be admitted as members into the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association and are to enjoy all rights and benefits of said Association, subject to the By-laws and regulations. Same so carried. Above proceedings to be given notice of to the principal stock owners of the Association. There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Abram Rhoads, Secretary

July 19, 1892

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The members as follows of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association met in the City Hall on the 27th day of August 1892.

R. M. Moore, President, A Rhoads, Secretary, J. Scott Robertson, M. R. Hightower, Robt. Murray, Wm. H. Muth, P. S. Jones, A. W. Johnson and Dan Keesee.

Motion by A. Rhoads, seconded by M. R. Hightower that we begin work Sept. 15th at same place and work same way as spring hunt.

Motion by R. M Moore seconded by M. R. Hightower, that the Secretary write to Mr. O. H. Brown asking him to recommend that the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad arrange to ship all sheep from Lamar and not to receive any sheep for shipment from Las Animas Stock Yards. Motion carried.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Abram Rhoads, Secretary

August 27, 1892

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April 12th, 1893

The annual meeting of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers met at City Hall.

The following members and officers being present, R. M. Moore, President, J. Scott Robinson 2nd Vice President, P. G. Scott, Treasurer, A. Rhoads, Secretary, P. S. Jones, H. Alexander, J. C. Johnson, H. C. Abbott, M. H. Murray, W. H. Muth, J. H. Johnson, J. W. Wyatt, J. H. Murph of Leader, Bent Moore, Mr. Harvy, Wm. Railey, Dave Tailor, Walter Dunn, J. R. Towers, Milton Hightower, and several coming in later.

And the following business was had and done:

The minutes of annual and call meeting of April 25th, July 19th Aug 27, all were read and a motion of A. Alexander 2nd M. H. Murray were approved and so carried.

Also the report of Treasurer P. G. Scott was presented and after being passed on was shown as follows:

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| Cash on hand | 231.05 | Advertising | 7.00 |
| Recieved from Assments | 502.00 | Recording brand | 2.00 |
| Dues | 28 00 | W. H. Muth | 92.00 |
| Saleof maverick | 5.00 | Palmer | 82.00 |
| Entrance fee | 5.00 | Detective | 250.00 |
| Poision sold | 27.20 | Poision | 61.31 |
| | | Express | 3.10 |
| | | Bounty | 112.50 |
| | | Wyatt | 10.00 |
| | | Balance | 270.30 |
| | 890.25 | | 890.25 |

Motion by J. C. Johnson that the chair appoint a committee of five to arrange the time and way spring hunt shall be made.

The chair names Robert Murray, A. W. Johnson, J. Scott Robertson, Milton Hightower, William Muth and Walter Dunn.

Motion by J. C. Johnson Seconded by A. Rhoads that the Secretary read over the names of all members that have paid the inspection tax and also those that are still delinquent. So carried.

Motion by H. C. Abbott, Seconded by Alexander that the Secretary notify each delinquent by letter that they must pay up immediately. So carried.

Motion by J. C. Johnson that the bounty on gray wolves be $4.50 until July 1st. Under same rules as for former bounty. So carried.

Motion that the rules for election of officers be suspended and that the old officers be elected by acclamation, excepting the Vice President, J. S. Robertson; so carried. R. Moore, President, J. Scott Robertson, Vice President, Abram Rhoads Secretary, P. G. Scott, Treasurer. So carried.

Motion by J. R. Towers, Seconded by J. C. Johnson that the foreman of wagons should elect a man to take charge of all round ups for the first regular hunt and that their pay will be $1.00 per day for the time of the first regular round-up. So carried.

Motion by A. Alexander, Seconded by J. N. Beaty that the round-up captain would receive the sum of $1.00 per day for the time actually employed as round-up captain. So carried.

Their was branded by William Muth up to July 4th, 32 head B. 4.J, and by H. L. Palmer 31 head B.4.J.

Resolved that the Bent County Cattle Growers Association hereby agree to ignore on the range all range pirates. That we will not gather their cattle, brand their calves or allow their employees to board with out outfits. Range Pirates is understood to mean all persons who turn stock loose on the range without owning open water and range in proportion to the number of cattle turned loose on the range.

Resolved: That the rest of this Association, shall furnish to cattle owners within the limits of the territory occupied by this Association the names of all such persons as will be ignored this

year and the Secretary shall also notify said persons.

Motion that M. H. Murry, Jas. N. Beatty, and John Alexander be recommended to the Governor as Round-up Commissioners for this district. So carried.

Being no further business meeting adjourned subject to call of the President.

Abram Rhoads, Secretary

Annual Report of Round-up Committee

Eastern Hunt to start at Point of Rocks on Cimarron May 25th 1893. Huntup the Cimarron to the Gallienas, take cattle home and then meet at Round Top Tree, up Bear Creek, hunt up Bear and Horse Creek and meet at Soldier Camp cross over to Freeze-out, hunt down Rule Creek to Ark River up the Arkansas to Clay, up Clay, down Mud, up Caddo, down Rule and finish at N. Ranch on Purgatoir.

1st Division. Western Hunt: To begin May 25th 1893 at California Pens on Curampa and hunt down Curampa to Middle Water and meet Second division at mouth of Corrizo.

Second Division to begin at T ranch on Cimarron May 25th, 1893 and work down Cimarron to mouth of Corrizo, then meet 1st Division and work up Corrizo, down Pinion and Smith Canon, through Muddy Gaps to Alkali Holes to Butte Creek and finish at Couch Camp.

List of names of members as the amount after their names as reported by R. M. Moore. Committee

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| A. Alexander & Son & Prenton | 20.00 |
| James Graham | 5.00 |
| Luke Cahill | 5.00 |
| James Graham | 5.00 |
| Harelson Estate | 1.50 |
| H. W. Johnson | 1.50 |
| Darl Keesee | 1.00 |
| John Lee | 5.00 |
| Beaty Bro | 15.00 |
| W. H. Muth | 2.50 |
| Jas Maloy | 15.00 |
| Towers & Bro. & Towers & Gudgell | 25.00 |
| A. Rhoads & Bro | 17.50 |
| Reynolds Cattle Co | 12.50 |
| Prairie Cattle Co | 50.00 |
| Fred Harvey | 10.00 |
| E. C. Dudley | 7.50 |
| Lane & Murray | 15.00 |
| R. Klett | 4.00 |
| T. H. Godwin | 1.50 |

List of names of persons that were assessed to raise wolf bounty. Committee: R. M. Moore, M. H. Murray, R. Klett, and A. Rhoads.

| | Head | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Alexander & Son | 1200 | 24.00 |
| L. Cahill | 500 | 10.00 |
| H. B. Carter | 50 | 1.00 |
| James Graham | 800 | 16.00 |
| H. S. Holley | 4000 | 80.00 |
| Harelston Estate | 100 | 2.00 |
| H. W. Johnson | 150 | 3.00 |
| P. S. & J. C. Jones | 1200 | 24.00 |
| H. Kellogg | 400 | 8.00 |
| D. Keesee | 200 | 4.00 |
| John Lee | 800 | 16.00 |
| W. B. Pearl | 50 | 1.00 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| J. N. Beaty | 1200 | 24.00 | |
| H. R. Tillett | 500 | 10.00 | |
| R. M. Moore | 1500 | 30.00 | |
| W. H. Muth | 400 | 8.00 | |
| Jas Maloy | 1200 | 24.00 | |
| J. C. Vroman | 1200 | 24.00 | |
| M. J. McMillen | 400 | 8.00 | |
| Jas McClain | 200 | 4.00 | |
| J. H. Preston | 400 | 8.00 | |
| Prowers Estate | 300 | 6.00 | |
| Abe Peterson | 400 | 8.00 | |
| Jas Reil | 300 | 6.00 | |
| P. G. Scott | 1000 | 20.00 | |
| William Stone | 300 | 6.00 | Pd. 2.00 |
| Towers Bro. | 3000 | 60.00 | |
| Reynolds Cattle Co | 500 | 10.00 | |
| A. Rhoads & Bro. | 1200 | 24.00 | |
| Prairie Cattle Co. | 10000 | 200.00 | |
| Fred Harvey | 4000 | 80.00 | Pd. 50.00 |
| Thos. Nolan | 100 | 2.00 | |
| R. Klett | 600 | 12.00 | |
| Towers & Gudgell | 2500 | 50.00 | |
| W. H. Godwin | 500 | 10.00 | |
| Wm. Richards | 200 | 4.00 | |
| W. J. Wilson | 2000 | 40.00 | |
| P. H. Sweetman | 400 | 8.00 | |
| H. C. Abbott Land & Sheep Co. | 1000 | 20.00 | |
| Hilton | 200 | 4.00 | |
| Sarget | 200 | 4.00 | |
| Murray & Lane | 1200 | 24.00 | |
| Geo. Phillipps | 100 | 2.00 | |
| H. R. Black | 1000 | 20.00 | |
| Philipp Cane | 200 | 4.00 | |
| H. L. Lubers | 200 | 4.00 | |
| Wm. Withers | 1000 | 20.00 | |
| John O'Conel | 400 | 8.00 | |
| Bloom Cattle Co. | 2000 | 40.00 | |
| Plunderluth | 500 | 10.00 | |
| Geo. Peck | 200 | 4.00 | |
| Dan Tailor | | 10.00 | |

A call meeting of the members met at City Hall on Aug. 2nd and motion by J. C. Johnson Seconded by R. M. Moore that a special meeting of all stock men be held on Aug. 12th at 2 P. M. at City Hall. So carried.

Abram Rhoads, Secretary

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August 12 1893

A meeting of the members of the Bent County Cattle Association met at City Hall and the following business was had and done:

Motion by J. C. Johnson that the rules for admitting of members be dispensed with and that Mr. J. A. Johnson be elected by aclamation. Seconded by John Lee. So Carried.

Motion by J. C. Johnson that Mr. J. H. Johnson of Albuquerque, New Mexico be admitted as a member of the Bent County Stock Association. Seconded by L. Cahill and so carried.

The chair then appointed Mr. J. C. Johnson to bring the newly elected member into the meeting which was done and introduced to the president and other members present.

Motion by J. C. Johnson that chair shall appoint a committee of three to find out what is a just representation for range costs as to labor, water and bulls to the 1000 head of cattle. Also

about the number of cattle each member has and prepare a statement to be presented at next meeting. Carried.

The chair names the following persons to make the report. J. Scott Robinson, J. C. Johnson, and R. M. Moore.

Motion by A. Alexander, Seconded by M. H. Murry that the next meeting be held at same time and place August 19th, 1893 and that every member must be present. So carried.

Motion by John Lee that their being no further business that meeting adjourn to meet again August 19, 1893. So carried.
This the 12th day of August.

A Rhoads, Secretary

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Meeting of the Bent County Cattle Growers Association met at City Hall. R. M. Moore, presented the following business was had and done:

The balance on inspection fund was found to be $28.00

Motion by A. Alexander Seconded by A. Rhoads that the bounty on gray wolves remain at $4.50 under same rules as of former motion of prior date. So carried.

The committee presented the following resolutions:

Whereas a practice has obtained within the past few years and is increasing from year to year of shipping cattle each spring from Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona and turning them loose on our range and the following spring gathering those cattle and either shipping them East or driving them to northern range and filling their place with a fresh supply of Southern cattle and whereas: The owners and shippers of such cattle in some instances neither own or lease land or water privelidges and has no range rights whatever. While in other cases the land or water priviledges owner or leased are entirely insufficient and in no case in proportion to the number of cattle turned loose.

And whereas a large percent of such cattle are females without an adequate number of bulls and the few bulls that are turned loose are of inferior quality:

And whereas the practicehas grown to such proportions as to seriously threaten the abandonment of cattle raising by resident owners in this part of our state it is a well known fact that the number of calves this year is less than fifty per cent of the number that was branded three years ago in round-up District #1.

Now therefore be it resolved that we will use all lawful means and will take whatever steps necessary to protect our business and our range rights.

Resolved: That the annual round-ups shall be conducted in such a manner and at such times as the legally appointed commissioners shall direct and that we will resist by all legal means the gathering of cattle at any other time or in any other manner than as directed or appointed by said commissioners. Signed August 19, 1893.

Committee on Resolutions: J. Scott Robertson, J. C. Johnson J. C. Jones. So carried.

We the undersigned committee appointed to reccommend a fair representation on the range during the regular round-ups in Dist. #1

exclusive of cooks and horse herders have the honor to submit the following:

We find it absolutely impossible to apply any rule in reaching a fair representation that would be just to all parties. It has been suggested to us by a number of cattle raisers that a fair representation would be one rider to every one hundred calves branded and take last years branding as a basis. The chief objection to this rule is the unequal proportion of calves branded in the various herds.

Whereas there are some herds in the district that are nearly all females or branding cattle there are other herds that are nearly all steers, so we have estimated the number of cattle in each herd from the best information we could get and have apportioned the representation as follows: To wit

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| Fred Harry | A Alexander & Son |
| A. R. Black | Lane & Murray |
| Abe Peterson | A. Rhoads & Bro. |
| Wm. Muth | James Maloy |
| Wm. Stout | John Lee |
| Harrelson Estate | Towers Bro |
| Richard Klett | J. C. & P. S. Jones |
| Prairie Cattle Co | James Graham |
| A. J. Johnson | Dan Keesee |
| Thos. H. Godwin | Wm. Withers |

Motion of J. Scott Robinson that the round-up commissioners shall set the time for all the rounding up of all cattle in the District. Number one either for beef or the gathering of calves and it shall be their duty to see that no other round-up shall be conducted only their order in District #1. Seconded by R. Klett. So Carried.

Motion by A. Rhoads that the chair appoint five owners of cattle that have cattle on the range of District No. 1 to act as a committee to make up a list of cattle running on the range as to class, and kind belonging to members. Turning cattle loose in Dist. No. 1 and the proportionment of men to the number of cattle turned loose shall be for 500 head, one man. Twelve hundred head two men, for three thousand, three men and for every one thousand head of cattle more on the range he or they shall have one more rider.

After one firm or owner shall have on the range to exceed ten thousand head of cattle then one man for every two thousand additional cattle turned loose. Seconded by J. C. Jones and this Committee on August 26th day a full and complete list of all such cattle. J. C. Jones, J. Scott Robinson, J. C. Johnson, Wm. Muth and A. Roads, Committee.

Motion by A . Roads Seconded by J. C. Jones that the cattle branded J and managed by Mr Muthersill that he will be allowed to handle his cattle with the cattle of the other members of this association and to board his men with their wagons from this date on. So carried.

Motion by A. Roads Seconded by J. Lee, the meeting to adjourn to meet same time and place on the 26th day of August 1893. So Carried.

This the 19th day of August 1893.

Abram Rhoads, Secretary

August 26th, 1893

An adjourned meeting of the Bent County Stock Association met at City Hall and the following business was had and done.

R. M. Moore in the chair.

Motion by M. H. Murry. Seconded by Wm. Muth that the report of the committee on number of cattle assessed to range owners be accepted and the same be placed on file and the committee be discharged. So carried.

The following is the list of names and number of cattle as reported to each range owner:

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| Alexander and Son | 1200 | Prairie Cattle Co. | 10,000 |
| L. Cahill | 300 | Fred Harvy | 3,000 |
| H. B. Carter | 50 | R. Klett | 450 |
| Jas. Graham | 1000 | Towers & Gudgell | 1,000 |
| Harelston Estate | 100 | T. H. Gudgell | 1,000 |
| H. W. Johnson | 100 | Murray & Lane | 1,200 |
| P.S. & J. C. Jones | 1200 | H. R. Black | 1000 |
| John Lee | 400 | Geo. Peck | 200 |
| W. M. Muth | 300 | Daniel Tailor | 3,000 |
| Jas. Maloy | 1000 | Garrett Robinson | 300 |
| J. H. Preston | 300 | Withers & Conjeos | 1,000 |
| M. J. McMillon | 300 | Daniel Keesee | 250 |
| Wm. Stone | 300 | Towers Bro. | 800 |
| Reynolds Cattle Co | 500 | A. Rhoads & Bro. | 600 |

Motion by J. C. Jones, Seconded by A. Rhoads that M. H. Murray and Wm. Muth fill out the list of owners names and the number of cattle and riders each owner shall furnish on the range. So carried.

Motion by J. Scott Robinson, Seconded by J. C. Jones that a list of names of owners of cattle in District No. One be passed at last meeting in reference to representation and a copy of said list and resolution be furnished to each cattle owner and toall men in charge of wagons and it shall be the duty of the captains of round -up men in charge of wagons to not permit men from outfits not properly represented to board with wagons or to hold cattle with round-up. So carried.

Motion by J. C. Jones, Seconded by J. Scott Robinson that the bill of James Maloy amounting to $783.35 for hunting stolen horses. Sheriffs and Sundry expenses of himself and Johnny Brown be not allowed. So carried.

Motion of A. Rhoads, Seconded by J. S. Robinson that being no further business meeting do adjourn subject to call of President. So carried.

This the 26th day of August 1893.

Abram Rhoads, Secretary

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Assessment made November 18, 1893. Members present: R. M. Moore, Adian Alexander, Wm. Stone, James Reed, W. H. Muth and A. Rhoads.

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|---|---|
| Adian Alexander and Son | 2400 |
| H. R. Tillett | 1000 |
| Luke Cahill | 1000 |
| H. B. Carter | 100 |
| Jas. Graham | 1600 |
| H. S. Holley | 8000 |
| Harelson Estate | 200 |

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|---|---|
| A. W. Johnson | 300 |
| P. S. & J. C. Jones | 2400 |
| Henry Kellogg | 400 |
| Dan Kesee | 400 |
| John Lee | 1000 |
| W. B. Peart | 400 |
| Beaty Bro. | 2400 |
| R. M. Moore & 77 | 3000 |
| W. H. Muth | 800 |
| James Maloy | 2400 |
| M. J. McMillen | 800 |
| J. H. Preston | 400 |
| Prowers Estate | 1000 |
| Abe Peterson | 800 |
| Jas. Reid | 600 |
| Towers Bros | 7500 |
| A. Rhoads & Bro | 2400 |
| Prairie Cattle Co | 20000 |
| Fred Harvy | 10000 |
| Richard Klett | 1200 |
| Wm. Stone | 400 |
| Towers & Gudgell | 5000 |
| T. H. Godwin | 1000 |
| Wm. Richards | 100 |
| W. J. Wilson | 4000 |
| Abbott Land Stock Investment Co. | 1000 |
| J. E. Hilton | 400 |
| Lane & Murray | 2400 |
| A. R. Black | 2000 |
| Philix Cane | 400 |
| H. L. Lubers | 400 |
| Wm. Withers | 2000 |
| John O.Connel | 400 |
| Bloom Cattle Co. | 4000 |
| D. L. Tailor | 10000 |
| A. J. Johnson D.L.S.for 1892 & 1893 | 5000 |
| Baldwin on Sand Creek | 2400 |
| Hopkins & Bingham | 2400 |
| Capt. Castillo | 800 |
| | 116600 |

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Annual meeting of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association held in Las Animas April 16 1896 Wednesday

The treasurer made his report showing a net balance in the treasury of $46.72.

The question of the assessments for wolf bounty was next taken up and attention was drawn to the unfairness of the assessment and also to the number of delinquents.

The secretary, Mr. A. B. Rhoads, tendered his resignation and his resignation was accepted. Members expressing their regrets that after his long tenure of office, he should decide to resign.

Mr. Johnston moved and Mr. Alexander seconded that Mr. J. Scott Robertson should be appointed secretary. The motion was carried. Motion was made by Mr. Johnston and seconded by Mr. Cahill that Mr. Alexander should be appointed Vice President, in place of J. Scott Robertson elected secretary.

The report of the treasurer was approved or rather there were no objections, the treasurer being absent the report was not read. Mr. Johnston moved and Mr. Alexander seconded that the round-up Commissioners should be appointed a committee of three to arrange the order of the spring round-up.

Mr. Towers then spoke against the . time set for round-up saying that his interests called for an earlier round-up. Judge Moore advised him to bring his objections before the round-up commissioners, which Mr. Towers agreed to.

Judge Moore then brought up the question of assessment. Mr. Johnston advised to abolish and leave out the wolf bounty and use all moneys collected by assessments for the cutting of trail herds, detection of cattle thieves, etc.

Mr. Johnston moved and Mr. Alexander seconded that Judge Moore should appoint a committee of representative cattle owners who should have the control of the inspection of trail herds both in regard to assessing owners for the expense incurred and to arrange to hire the necessary men to act as inspectors, who shall be instructed by the committee as to whose cattle they should cut and whose they should not cut. The motion was carried.

Judge Moore then appointed the following persons for the Committee: J. C. Johnston A. Alexander J. Scott Robertson H. S. Holley, John Towers.

Judge Moore then spoke of the charges of board usually made .. to men working with another outfit's wagon. Mr. Johnson moved that each foreman of each wagon should act as Captain in the district where he is most interested, on his own range, so on throughout the ranges in District #1. And that each foreman should be paid $1.50 per day for the days he actually acts as Captain of the round-up. Motion carried.

It was further agreed that the captains of the round-up should be instructed to make returns of all mavericks branded in the Association brands.

Mr. Johnson moved that the committee of assessment should meet in La Junta on Wednesday, April 18. Motion seconded and carried.

The secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Holleys of his being appointed on the committee and request his presence.

The meeting was then, at the suggestion of the President, adjourned.

J. Scott Robertson, Secretary

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At a meeting of the committee on assessments held at La Junta April 18th the following resolutions were passed, namely:

That the old back dues which remained delinquent should be disregarded and that a new assessment should be made. That the money raised by this assessment should be used for expenses incurred prosecuting thieves and to pay experienced men to cut the trail herds.

The committee empowered J. Scott Robertson and Judge Moore to hire two trail cutters at a suitable salary with board and expenses, one to be placed at Lamar and one at Hugo and Carson.

The Secretary was instructed to have post-cards printed notifying each party of his assessment and and warning him that unless the assessment was paid before May 10 their cattle would not be cut out of the trail herd.

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| Atlanta | T. H. Godwin | 6.00 |
| Las Animas | Luke Cahill | 10.00 |
| Las Animas | H. B. Carter | 1.00 |
| | J. Graham | 20.00 |
| La Junta | H. S. Holly | 80.00 |
| V. C. | Haroldson Estate | 2.00 |
| Las Animas | A. W. Johnson | 3.00 |
| Las Animas | C. S. & J. C. Jones | 24.00 |
| Minneapolis | H. Kellogg | 4.00 |
| Las Animas | Dan Kesie | 4.00 |
| Las Animas | John Lee | 10.00 |
| Catlin | Baley Bros. | 24.00 |
| Las Animas | R. M. Moore | 30.00 |
| Las Animas | W. H. Muth | 6.00 |
| Las Animas | J. Malloy | 24.00 |
| Carlton | M. J. McMillan | 8.00 |
| Las Animas | Prowers Estate | 10.00 |
| Las Animas | A. Peterson | 8.00 |
| Las Animas | J. Reed | 6.00 |
| Las Animas | Towers and Gudgell | 120.00 |
| Las Animas | A. Rhodes and Bro | 10.00 |
| Higbee | Prairie Cattle Co. | 200.00 |
| | Fred Harvey | 80.00 |
| Las Animas | R. Klett | 12.00 |
| Las Animas | Wm. Stone | 4.00 |
| Higbee | Wm. Richards | 1.00 |
| Denver | W. J. Wilson | 40.00 |
| Las Animas | Lane and Murray | 24.00 |
| Canyon City | A. A. Black | 30.00 |
| Wild | Felix Cane | 4.00 |
| Stockyards, K.C. | Wm. Withers | 10.00 |
| Trinidad | Frank Bloome | 40.00 |
| Trinidad | Dan Taylor | 60.00 |
| Lamar | J. Baldwin | 24.00 |
| | Johnson Estate | 40.00 |
| Rocky Ford | Hopkins & Bingham | 24.00 |
| Las Animas | John Irwin | 6.00 |
| La Junta | John C. Vroman | 24.00 |
| Holly | C. L. McPherson | 8.00 |
| Holly | Joe Bell, John Luke | 3.00 |
| Holly | Willis Butler | 1.50 |
| | Alexander | 6.00 |
| | Thurme L. S. Co. | 16.00 |
| | J. A. Lockhart | 8.00 |

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Annual meeting of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association held at Las Animas City Hall April 10th, 1895.

The Treasurer having made his report showing a net balance in the treasury of Ninety-two Dollars and 04/100.--in the old Bent County Association Fund and Twenty-one and 22/100 dollars in the Special Fund, which was raised for the cutting of trail herds and prosecution of thieves The report was unanimously approved.

Judge Moore, the late president having died and there being his position to fill the next business taken up was the nomination of officers. Mr. Murray proposed and Mr Bert Moore seconded Mr. J. C. Johnston for President and he was unanimously elected. Mr. Murray proposed and Mr Scott seconded the appointment of Mr. P. Jones for Vice-President Mr. Jones was unanimously elected. Mr. Cahill nominated and Mr. Scott seconded the nomination of Mr. Murray for Second Vice President. Mr. Murray was unanimously elected. Mr. Scott was nominated and elected for Treasurer and J. Scott Robinson for Secretary without opposition.

The subject of assessments was next brought forward and it was agreed unanimously that the same rate of assessment per capita as was levied in 1894 should be levied in 1895--2 cents per head on all cattle owned by the members of the Association, the number of

head to be settled by the estimate of 1894 made by the committee.

J. C. Johnston moved and J. Scott Robertson seconded that the assessment of W. J. Wilson should be raised from $40. to $80. Motion carried unanimously.

It was also agreed that the Executive Committee should arrange for the levying of the assessments and that those parties who had not paid their 1894 levy should not have their cattle cut by the trail cutters hired by the Association, until they paid up and that the Secretary should give them notice by letter to that effect.

This motion of assessments was made by J. C. Johnston, and seconded by Bert Moore.

Mr. Cahill moved that the President of the Association should appoint Round-up Commissioners. Mr. Murray seconded the motion--motion carried.

The President appointed:

Mr. Cahill )<br>
Mr. Murray ) Round-up Commissioners<br>
Mr. Moore )

Mr. J. C. Johnston moved the adjournment of the meeting.

J. Scott Robertson, Secretary

The treasurer was instructed to pay C. C.Goodale $50.00 and John Potter $50.00, and to merge the prosecution fund into the Old Bent Co. Fund.

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April 10th, 1895

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee held at the Bank, Las Animas, Colorado :

J. C. Johnston, President, P. Jones, Vice President, M. H. Murray Second Vice President, P. G. Scott, Treasurer and J. Scott Robertson, Secretary being present the following assessment was levied.

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|---|---|---|
| Bob Lockhardt | 2000 | |
| Alexander and Son | 300 | 6.00 |
| L. Cahill | 500 | 10.00 |
| H. B. Carter | 50 | 1.00 |
| J. Graham | 1000 | 20.00 |
| M. S. Holly | 4000 | 80.00 |
| Harrelson Estate | 100 | 2.00 |
| A. W. Johnson | 150 | 3.00 |
| P. S. & J. C. Jones | 1200 | 24.00 |
| P. Jones | 200 | 4.00 |
| Dan Kesee | 200 | 4.00 |
| J. Lee | 500 | 10.00 |
| Beatty Bros. | 1200 | 24.00 |
| Bert Moore | 1500 | 30.00 |
| W. M. Muth | 300 | 6.00 |
| J. Malloy | 1200 | 24.00 |
| M. J. McMillen | 400 | 8.00 |
| Prowers Cattle--Dan Kesee | 500 | 10.00 |
| A. Peterson | 400 | 8.00 |
| J. Reid | 300 | 6.00 |
| Towers & Gudgell | 5000 | 120.00 |
| Prairie Cattle Co | 10000 | 200.00 |
| Fred Harvey | 3000 | 80.00 |
| W. Stone | 200 | 4.00 |
| R. Klett | 600 | 12.00 |
| T. R. Godwin | 300 | 6.00 |
| W. Richards | 50 | 1.00 |

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|---|---|---|
| W. J. Wilson | 2000 | 80.00 |
| Lane & Murray | 1200 | 24.00 |
| A. R. Black | 1500 | 30.00 |
| Felix Cane | 200 | 4.00 |
| Willis Butter | 200 | |
| Carry & Towers | 3000 | |
| A. F. Engart | 1500 | |
| M. Koen | 50 | 1.00 |
| W. Withers | 500 | 10.00 |
| F. Bloom | 2000 | 40.00 |
| D. Taylor | 3000 | 60.00 |
| J. Baldwin, Juhnson Est. | 2000 | 40.00 |
| J. Baldwin | 1200 | 24.00 |
| Hopkins & Bringham | 1200 | 24.00 |
| John Irwin | 300 | 6.00 |
| J. C. Vroman | 1200 | 24.00 |
| C. L. McPherson & R. Tillett | 400 | 8.00 |
| J. Bell and J. Luke | 100 | 2.00 |
| W Butter | 75 | 1.50 |
| Henry Koen | 1000 | |

The Secretary was instructed to notify each and every person of the amount assessed against them, and to ask for an immediate remittance of ½ each assessment. Also to write to those parties who didnnot pay last years assessment and ask for immediate payment, and to notify them that unless they paid their last years' assessment as well as this current years assessment, that the taril cutters, would not handle their cattle. The Secretary was also instructed to report to the Treasurer the assess. ments made 1895 and those of 1894 still due.

P Jones and J. Scott Rebertson were appointed a committee for the purpose of hiring trail cutters, and were instructed to notify the trail cutters of those parties who did not pay their assessments, and the trail cutters should be instructed not to handle these parties cattle.

It was also agreed by the committee, unanimously, not to cut or handle or allow their men to work with their wagons, those who represented thos parties who systematically refused to pay their assessment. And the parties named especially as delinquent were J. Malloy, J. Reid, R. Klett, A. R. Black, F. Cain, J. Baldwin, Johnson Estate, Bringham, J. C. Vroman.

The Secretary was instructed to write these parties, and also Dan Taylor asking for an immediate remittance of all arreras.

Signed,

J. Scott Robertson, Secretary

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bent County Stock Association held at the Bank, Las AnimasP. Jones, M. H. Murray, and J. Scott Robertson being present. Mr.Wilson requested to have his assessment lowered. Mr. Murray moved that the Secretary should take the record of the motion made and petition filed by Mr. W. J. Wilson to have his assessment lowered from $80.00 to $40.00 and that he (Mr. Wilson) offered to and afterwards did make affidavit that he had not 4000 (four thousand) head of cattle and has submitted to the Committee an affidavit from his bookkeeper that he had not 4000 head and this and his own affidavit to be left with the Secretary on file for the consideration of the full committee.

J. Scott Robinson, Secretary

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Las Animas April 8th, 1896

Annual Meeting of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association held in the Court House at Las Animas April 8th, 1896. A full board present except J. C. Johnson, the President. Mr.Jones took the chair.

The meeting being called to order Mr. Jones moved and Mr. Murray seconded that the action of the committee for 1895 assessments is fully approved by the Association and the assessments against Mr. W. J. Wilson and A. R. Black should be left unchanged and that they should be collected from them, and that the general opinion of the Association was that the assessments are fair and just.

The fact of Mr. Johnson having resigned from the Association and the members expressing their regret. It was moved and seconded that Messrs. Beatty and Towers should see Mr. Johnson of the Prairie Cattle Company and use their endeavors to persuade him to withdraw his resignation from the Association. Motion carried unanimously. It was moved and seconded that Mr. J. Jones and Mr. Towers should be appointed a committee of two to wait on Mr. Malloy and ask him to again become a member of the Association. Motion carried unanimously. The report was then read by the Treasurer.

Major Towers moved and J. Scott Robertson seconded that the treasurer's report should be accepted. Carried unanimously.

Major Towers moved and J. Beatty seconded, that the same resolution of instructions Secretary with regard to the payment of assessments and that those who did not pay should not receive the benefits derived from being members of the Association nor should their cattle be cut from trail herds. Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved and seconded that the present officers should be re-elected. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Jones here tendered his resignation as vice-president, which was accepted.

J. Beatty moved and J. Jones seconded that Mr. Gillespie should be elected for the position of Vice-President in place of Mr. P. Jones resigned. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion moved, seconded and carried giving Mr. Jones a vote of thanks for past services. Motion moved and seconded to allow Messrs. Maynard and Henry Koen to become members of the Association on payment of the ordinary fees Motion carried.

Motion was made by Major Towers and seconded by J. Jones that the executive committee be appointed a committee on assessments with the power to call in anyone from the outside to assist in making out the amounts each member is to be assessed. The total amount of assessments not to exceed 1000.00. Motion carried unanimously. Major Towers moved and J. Beatty seconded, that the chair should appoint a committee of 5 as a round-up committee.

Mr. Gillespie being in the chair appointed a committee of five as Round-up Commissioners to arrange for the spring round-up. The following on the Committee:

A. Murray — J. Scott Robertson
J. Beatty — P. C. Jones
J. C. Johnson

The meeting then adjourned.

J. Scott Robertson, Secretary

At the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Bent County Stock Association held in the court house of Las Animas April 8, 1896.

The spring round-up arranged to commence work at the Point of Rocks on the Cimarron on a date between May 25th and June 1st. The exact date to be set at a later day after the committee had an opportunity to confer with Mr. Johnson and the round-up was arranged as follows:

The Eastern hunt to start at the Point of Rocks on the Cimarron hunt up the Cimarron to the Gallienas, take cattle home then meet at Round Top Tree on Bear Creek. Hunt up Bear and Horse Creek and meet at Soldiers Camp, cross over to Freeze out, hunt down Butte Creek to the Arkansas River, up the Arkansas River to Clay Creek, up Clay Creek, down Mud Creek, up Caddoa Creek, up Rule Creek and finish at N. Ranch on Purgatoire.

First Division Western hunt to begin at California pens on Curempa and hunt down Curempa to Middle Water, meet Second Division at mouth of Curreryo.

Second Division to begin at T Ranch on Cimarron and work down Cimarron to Curreyo, then meet First Division and work up Curreyo, down Pinion and Smith Canon through Muddy Gap to Alkali Holes to Butte Creek via Nelson Hill, up Butte Creek to finish at Couch Camp.

Bert Moore, A. Gillespie and W. J. Wilson were appointed round-up commissioners for the north side round-up in District No. 7. A. Gillespie and Bert Moore appointed a committee to arrange for a trail cutter at Carson.

P. G. Scott, J. Scott Robertson were appointed to arrange for a trail cutter at Lamar. Mr Towers moved and Mr. J. Beatty seconded the motion that the assessments for 1895 as corrected by the committee should govern the assessments of 1896 and the instruction as given to the Secretary in 1895 should be continued for 1896, with reference to notifying members of their assessments and a penalty for non payment. Motion carried. The Assessment list was made as follows:

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| Kans. C. | Casey & Towers | 3000 head | 60.00 |
| ? | A. J. Enyard | 1500 head | 30.00 |
| Lamar | Mr.Koen | 50 head | 1.00 |
| Trinidad | F. Bloom | 2000 head | 40.00 |
| **Trinidad** | Don Taylor | 3000 | 60.00 |
| Chivington | J. Baldwin | 200 | 24.00 |
| Colo. Springs | Col. Lockhart | 2000 head | 40.00 |
| L. A. | T. Cahill | 500 | 10.00 |
| L. A. | H. B. Carter | 50 | 1.00 |
| Granada | J. Graham | 1000 | 20.00 |
| Rocky Ford | Columbian Cattle Co. | 3000 | 60.00 |
| L. A. | A. W. Johnson | 150 | 3.00 |
| L. A. | J. C. Jones | 300 | 6.00 |
| La Junta | P. Jones | 200 | 4.00 |
| Lamar | Dan Kenie | 200 | 4.00 |
| L. A. | J. Lee | 500 | 10.00 |
| Manzenola | Beatty Bros. | 1200 | 24.00 |
| L. A. | Bert Moore | 1500 | 30.00 |
| L. A. | W. H. Muth | 50 | 1.00 |
| L. A. | J. Molloy | 1200 | 24.00 |
| | M. J. McMillen | 400 | 8.00 |
| | Prowers Estate | 500 | 10.00 |
| Caddoa | A. Peterson | 400 | 8.00 |
| L. A. | J. Reed | 300 | 6.00 |
| K. C. | Towers & Gudgell | 5000 | 100.00 |
| La Junta | Prairie Cattle Co | 10000 | 200.00 |
| | Fred Harvey | 3000 | 60.00 |
| L. A. | Wm. Stone | 200 | 4.00 |
| L. A. | R. Klett | 600 | 12.00 |
| Atlanta | J. H. Godwin | 300 | 6.00 |
| Pottsville, P. A. | W. Richards | 50 | 1.00 |
| Denver | W. J. Wilson | 2000 | 40.00 |
| L. A. | Lane & Murray | 1200 | 24.00 |
| L. A. | Felix Cane | 200 | 4.00 |
| Holly | Willis Butler | 200 | 4.00 |
| Rocky Ford | Hopkins & Bringham | 1200 | 24.00 |
| L. A. | John Irwin | 300 | 6.00 |
| | J. C. Vroman | 1200 | 24.00 |

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| Holly | McPherson & Tillett | 400 | 8.00 |
| Lamar | J. Bell & J. Luke | 100 | 2.00 |
| Lamar | H. Koen | 1000 | 20.00 |

The meeting then adjourned.

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Las Animas, Colo.
July 1, 1896

The Bent County Stock Association met pursuant to a specially called meeting at 2:00 O'Clock P. M. July 1st at the City Hall, Las A^N^imas. Robert Gillespie acting as chairman upon motion Bert Moore was elected Secretary.

The following motion was put by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Cahill and carried that we request by petition, the State Board of Inspectors to detail an inspector to operate in the Arkansas River Valley and that the petition read as follows:

To the Honorable State Board of Inspectors. We, the undersigned stock men, in special meeting assembled request that you detail an inspector to act in the Arkansas River Valley from Coolidge, Kansas to Pueblo, Colorado and south to the north line of Las Animas County, Colorado. We respectfully call your attention to the following facts. That La Junta Las Animas and Lamar in this District are important shipping points, more than 500 cars of stock having been shipped from Las Animas Station alone last season besides a large number having been shipped in and unloaded at this point.

That this is one of the largest range cattle districts in the state, that we are present without the services of an inspector and the need of one is greatly felt, for these and other reasons we respectfully urge on you the necessity of giving us at once the permanent services of an inspector.

Motion was made and carried to adjourn..

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Las Animas Colo. February 16th 1897

At a meeting of the Bent County Stock Holders Association held in the City Hall, Las Animas on February 16th.

R. Gillespie, P. G. Scott, J. Scott Robertson being present a letter from Frank Law of the Prairie Cattle Co. being read, asking the Association to pay half of the legal cost in the prosecution of Houston.

On the motion of J. Scott Robertson, seconded by R. Gillespie the Treasurer was authorized to pay the Prairie Cattle Co. a check for $62.50.

P. G. Scott moved that Thos R. Hoffmin's bill of $47.00, be allowed and paid, seconded by J. Scott Robertson. Motion carried.

P. G. Scott moved that the Association authorize Mr. Gillespie to make arrangements with the Prarie Cattle Co. for the prosecution of Stevens, and others with the understanding that the Association should pay half of the legal expenses in such prosecutions if necessary, in any case, not to exceed half of such expenses. Seconded by J. Scott Robertson Motion carried.

R. Gillespie moved that P. G. Scott should pay one half of A. L. Lambright's fee of $50.00 in the case of the peopse vs Boggs, and in the event of the Prairie Cattle Co. refusing to pay the other half, the Association should pay it.

R. Gillespie moved and motion seconded by J. Scott Robertson that Mr. P. G. Scott should advance such amounts as he should think necessary in the case expected to be brought against W. Dean.

J. Scott Robertson moved and P. G. Scott seconded that the balance on the "Trail Cutting Fund" should be transferred to the "General Fund". P. G. Scott seconded motion. Carried.
Motion was made and carried to adjourn.

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Las Animas April 13th, 1897

Annual meeting of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association. After the Treasurers' report was duly read and approved the meeting proceeded to re-elect officers.

J. Scott Robertson and P. G. Scott seconded Major Towers be elected President. Motion carried.

Motion moved by R. Gillespie and seconded by J. Scott Robertson that J. Lee be elected Vice-President.

Motion moved by R. Gillespie and seconded by P. G. Scott that J. Scott Robertson be re-elected Secretary.

Motion moved by R. Gillespie and seconded by A. W. Johnson that P. G. Scott be elected Treasurer. Motion carried.

The matter of arranging for cutting trail herds was next taken up and it was unanimously agreed that Mr. Townsend should arrange with Fred Parkhurst as trail cutter at Hugo & Carson, and that he should be paid $50.00 per month, and his horse feed and board, and necessary railroad fare to and from Hugo.

Hiram Palmer was hired as trail cutter at Lamar at the same rate of wages, and expenses.

The Secretary was instructed to send a list of brands and instructions to each trail cutter, and also to notify each person of their assessment and to notify them that unless they pay their assessment or that portion of it called in, their cattle will not be cut.

A Round-up Committee of R. Gillespie, W. Townsend appointed for the south side, and for the side W. H. Murray, J. C. Johnston and W. G. Russell.

Motion was made and carried for the meeting to adjourn.

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| Col. Lockhart | Colo. Springs | 2000 head | 40.00 |
| J. Cahill | Las Animas | 400 | 8.00 |
| J. Graham | Granada | 1000 | 20.00 |
| Columbian Cattle Co. | La Junta | 3000 | 60.00 |
| A. W. Johnson | Las ANimas | 150 | 3.00 |
| P. Jones | La Junta | 100 | 2.00 |
| D. Kesee | Lamar | 750 | 15.00 |
| J. Lee | Las ANimas | 250 | 5.00 |
| Barcy Bro | | 1200 | 24.00 |
| W. Moore | Las ANimas | 600 | 12.00 |
| Kiowa L. & C. Co. | Las Animas | 400 | 8.00 |
| W. J. Wilson | Denver | 2000 | 40.00 |
| Lane & Murray | Las Animas | 1200 | 24.00 |
| Willis Butter | Holley | 200 | 4.00 |
| Casey & Tower | Caddoa | 3000 | 60.00 |
| A. F. Enyard | Olney | 1000 | 20.00 |
| M. Koen | Lamar | 75 | 1.50 |

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| F. Bloom | Trinidad | 2000 head | 40.00 |
| D. Taylor | Trinidad | 400 | 8.00 |
| J. Baldwin & Crawford | Lamar | 500 | 10.00 |
| Hopkins & Bringham | Rocky Ford | 1000 | 20.00 |
| J. Walley | Caddoa | 1200 | 24.00 |
| M. J. McMillen | Carlson | 300 | 6.00 |
| J. Bell & J. Luke | Lamar | 150 | 3.00 |
| J. Reid | Las Animas | 250 | 5.00 |
| Towns & Gudgell | 77 Commercial Block, K.C. | 300 | 6.00 |
| Prairie Cattle Co. | La Junta | 10000 | 200.00 |
| Fred Harvey | Byron | 2500 | 50.00 |
| W. Stone | Las Animas | 150 | 3.00 |
| R. Klett | Las Animas | 600 | 12.00 |
| T. W. Godwin | Atlanta | 300 | 6.00 |
| J. C. Vroman | Manzanola | 1200 | 24.00 |
| W. McPherson | Holly | 400 | 8.00 |
| H. Koen | Lamar | 300 | 6.00 |
| H. Best | Rocky Ford | 400 | 8.00 |
| W. E. Andersen | Rocky Ford | 400 | 8.00 |
| A. Peterson | Caddoa | 350 | 7.00 |
| H. W. Potter | Rocky Ford | 200 | 4.00 |
| Wm. McCaskill & Hefner | | 200 | 4.00 |
| H. Luik | Fountain | 700 | 14.00 |
| Vanduyne | Eads | 400 | 8.00 |
| J. P. Dostel | | 1500 | 30.00 |
| H. Van Loon | Galatea | 250 | 5.00 |
| G. Weiseroad | Eads | 200 | 4.00 |
| B. Ham | Caddoa | 200 | 4.00 |
| Conwell | Las Animas | 150 | 3.00 |
| J. E. Messenger | Lamar | 400 | 8.00 |
| New Bros | Caddoa | 100 | 2.00 |
| Bartelle Bros. | | 300 | 6.00 |
| J. Catlin | Eads | 100 | 2.00 |
| McClave | Lamar | 200 | 4.00 |
| E. Koen | Lamar | 100 | 2.00 |
| Dargie | Lamar | 100 | 2.00 |
| D. Black | Lamar | 200 | 4.00 |
| Bent Co. Bank | | 100 | 2.00 |
| D. Rogers | Eads | 200 | 4.00 |

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Las Animas April 25, 1898

Annual Meeting of Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association, was called to order at City Hall Las Animas, Colo. 2 :00 P. M. April 25, 1898.

In the absence of the President and Secretary, M. H. Murray was elected chairman and J. B. Dean Secretary pro tem.

Treasurer Scott submitted his report of the receipts and expenditures during the year as follows.

Collections $209.00. Cutting Trail Herds expenses $217.40. excess paid $8.40. Unpaid OK'S cutting trail herds--$20.70 Due Secretary Postage 1.10. Due Frank Tate cutting trail herds $5.00 Due E. Haise Cutting trail herds $2.50. Total indebtedness $37.70.

The Treasurer was instructed to pay the item of 20.70 and the postage account. The bills of Frank Tate and E. Haise were laid over for further information.

The election of officers for ensueing year then took place and resulted as follows: W. A. Towers, President, M. H. Murray First Vice President, W. A. Russell, Second Vice President, A. W. Johnston, Secretary, P. G. Scott, Treasurer.

On motion the following round-up committees were appointed with instructions to publish the routes in the Las Animas Leader when

completed. For South side--W. A. Russell, M. H. Murray, and Frank Law. North Side, James C. Baldwin and Frank Bingham.

On motion it was ordered that an assessment be made on members of one and one-half cents per head for the purpose of cutting trail herds and defraying . necessary expenses.

Being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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| Col. Lockhart | 2000 |
| Jas. Graham | 1000 |
| Columbia Cat. Co. | 300 |
| A. W. Johnston | 150 |
| Pate Jones | 100 |
| Mrs. F. B. Moore | 500 |
| W.J. Wilson | 2000 |
| Lane & Murray | 1000 |
| Willis Butter | 200 |
| Casey & Towers | 3700 |
| Frank Bloom | 2000 |
| L. Baldwin & Co. | 3000 |
| Jas Maloy | 1200 |
| M. J. McMillen | 300 |
| Jacurs Reid | 250 |
| Towers & Gudgell | 300 |
| Prairie Cattle Co. | 10000 |
| Fred Harvey | 1000 |
| Wm. Stone | 300 |
| Dick Klett | 600 |
| Thos. Goodwin | 300 |
| Jno. Vroman | 1200 |
| PcPherson | 400 |
| Henry Koen | 100 |
| H. Best | 400 |
| W. E. Anderson | 400 |
| Russell & Edwards | 350 |
| W. H. Potter | 200 |
| Wm. McCaskill | 200 |
| H. Link | 700 |
| Joe Dostel | 1000 |
| H. Vauloon | 250 |
| G. Westrcod | 200 |
| Bright Ham | 200 |
| Jno. O'Connal | 200 |
| New Bros. | 100 |
| W. H. Dawson | 500 |
| Adams | 1200 |
| McClave Bro. | 100 |
| Wm. Dargie | 100 |
| Dock Black | 200 |
| Bent Co. Bank | 100 |
| D. Rogers | 200 |

Wm. G. Russell, M. H. Murray, and James Baldwin, Committee

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Las Animas, Colorado April 10, 1899

At the Annual meeting of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association held at the City Hall, Las Animas, April 10, 1899.

W. G. Russell, Secretary and P. G. Scott, Treasurer, being present. In the absence of Mr. W. A. Towers, the President, Mr. M. H. Murray, the Vice President occupied the chair.

The minutes of the Annual Meeting of 1898 having been read and

approved , the Treasurer's report was then read and approved and accepted.

It was moved and seconded that the action of the Secretary and Treasurer, should be approved, in hireing a Special Inspector for the Range for the round-up season of 1898.

The following officers for the year were then elected: Major Towers for President. M. H. Murray, Vice President, M. J. McMillan for Second Vice President, P. G. Scott for Treasurer, and J. Scott Robertson for Secretary.

L. Cahill moved and M. J. McMillan seconded that Mr. Henry Boise be admitted as a member of the Association. Motion carried. The Secretary was instructed to notify Mr. Boise.

It was also moved that Mr. A. Mathews should be admitted as a member. motion carried.

The motion was then made and carried that the accounts of [illegible]. House and F. Tate for cutting herds in 1897, be allowed and paid.

The following names were proposed as members of the Association: St. George Creagh, W. J. Adams, Ed Sherlock, F. B. Moon, Ed Hall, Dave Houten, Tom Darlington, Black and Rader, J. N. Mullen, J. Oliphant, W. H. Dawson and F. Herring. A motion was then made to admit the above as members of the Association. Motion carried.

The Secretary is instructed to notify the above parties of the election.

It was then moved and seconded that there should be an assessment made of $1\frac{1}{2}$¢ per head on the number of cattle of each member. That a list of assessments should be made and that the Secretary should notify each member of his assessment.

The funds obtained by the above assessment are to be used for the purpose of paying round-up foremen and cattle inspectors.

It was moved and seconded that W. G. Russell should be hired for the coming season as round-up captain at a salary of three dollars (3.00) per day, for the time of the Spring and Fall round-ups, from the commencement of each round-up to the finish. Motion carried.

M. J. McMillian, L Cahill and J. Scott Robertson were appointed round-up Commissioners to arrange for the round-up.

It was resolved to support Major Towers in his candidacy for member of the State Board of Inspection.

Motion was then made and carried to adjourn.

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| P. L. Herring | 1000 | 15.00 | Lamar |
| Doc. Black | 200 | 3.00 | Lamar |
| Col. Lockhart | 1000 | 15.00 | Colo. Springs |
| Bent Co. Bank | 100 | 1.50 | Las Animas |
| Martin Stephens | 1000 | 15.00 | Granada |
| A. W. Johnston | 100 | 1.50 | Las Animas |
| P. Jones | 100 | 1.50 | La Junta |
| Mrs. Moon | 500 | 7.50 | Las Animas |
| Lane and Murray | 1000 | 15.00 | Las Animas |
| L. Cahill | 200 | 3.00 | Las Animas |
| W. Butter | 250 | 3.75 | Holly |
| St. George Creagh | 1000 | 15.00 | Lamar |
| W. J. Adams | 1000 | 15.00 | Kit Carson |
| Ed Sherlock | 300 | 4.50 | Lamar |
| Russell & Edwards | 100 | 1.50 | Lamar |

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| Hall and Houten | 600 | 9.00 | Pueblo |
| T. Darlington | 300 | 4.50 | Lamar |
| Black and Rader | 300 | 4.50 | Lamar |
| J. K. Mullen | 500 | 7.50 | Lamar |
| J. Oliphant | 25 | .38 | Lamar |
| A. T. Engard | 500 | 7.50 | Onley |
| Beatty Bros. | 1000 | 15.00 | Manzanola |
| W. H. Dawson | 200 | 3.00 | Lamar |
| Parrish and Smith | 200 | 3.00 | Lamar |
| M. Korn | 25 | .38 | Lamar |
| F. Bloom | 1000 | 15.00 | Trinidad |
| J. Baldwin | 5000 | 75.00 | Lamar |
| M. McMillan | 300 | 4.50 | Carlton |
| J. Reed | 250 | 3.75 | Las Animas |
| Towers and Casey | 3000 | 45.00 | Prowers |
| Prairie Cattle Co | 3000 | 45.00 | La Junta |
| Malloy | 1000 | 15.00 | Las Animas |
| Harvey | 1000 | 15.00 | Las Animas |
| W. H. Stone | 200 | 3.00 | Las Animas |
| R. Klett | 300 | 4.50 | Las Animas |
| T. Godwin | 300 | 4.50 | Las Animas |
| McPherson | 200 | 3.00 | Holly |
| Henry Koen | 200 | 3.00 | Lamar |
| Howard Koen | 50 | ..75 | Lamar |
| H. Van Lorn | 100 | 1.50 | Galatea |
| Bright Ham | 100 | 1.50 | Caddoa |
| John Connell | 300 | 4.50 | Las Animas |
| Matthews | 500 | 7.50 | Coolege, Kansas |
| H. Boice | 3000 | 45.00 | Taloya, Kansas |

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Las Animas, Colorado April 7, 1900

Annual Meeting 1900

The Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association met in City Hall at 2 P.M. It being the regular annual meeting officers present: Major W. A. Towers, President, M. H. Murray 1st Vice President, M. J. Mc Millan 2nd Vice President, P. G. Scott Treasurer. Other members present were Luke Cahill, J. J. Cooper, John Connell, A. W. Johnston and others. Meeting called to order by Maj. W. A. Towers, President. The Secretary J. Scott Robertson being absent. On motion M. J. McMillan was elected temprorary Secretary.

Tres. Report

The annual report of treasurer P. G. Scott was read as follows:

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| | April 1st 1899 Balance on hand | $496.66 |
| | Assessments collected for 1899 and for sale of B 4J Steers | 324.80 |
| | Total | $821.46 |
| Expenses 1899 | Disbursements for 1899 | 635.34 |
| Bal. on hand April 7, 1900 | Leaving Balance in Treasurers hand April 7 | $186.12 |

Motion made and carried to approve Treasurer's Report.

A Communication from J. Scott Robertson, Sec. was read, recommending that Judge E. C. Nowells of Lamar Services should be secured by the Association to assist in the Prosecution of the three Nortons and Bert Standard, who are to be tried at the April term of Court in Lamar.

On motion of M. J. Mc Millan, Seconded by M. N. Murray that this Association furnish not to exceed $100.00 for the Prosecution of the Nortons and Standard to be tried at Lamar for cattle stealing. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion made and carried that these cases be prosecuted under name of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried that the $100.00 set aside for the prosecution

of above named cases is to be expended at the discretion of the President Major Towers.

Motion made and carried that the Secretary notify all members who were elected one year ago that they were elected members of this Association.

Wolf Bounty

Motion made and carried that this Association shall pay a reward of $5.00 for grown gray wolves and $2.50 for cub wolves under 3 months old, killed upon the range of any member of this Association after this Date. (April 7th, 1900), who is not in arrears to this Association for any assessment. This money to be paid by the Treasurer, P. G. Scott. Upon a certificate to him issued by M. N. Murray, certifying that such wolves or cubs have been killed upon the range of some member of this Association in good standing, and the fact of such killing of wolves or cubs shall be certified to Mr. M. H. Murray. by the owner of said range upon which the animals were killed.

Officers Elected

The election of officers for the ensuing year being declared in order, the following officers were duly elected.

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| For President | Major W. A. Towers | P. O. Address Prowers |
| For Vice President | M. H. Murray | Las Animas |
| For Treasurer | P. G. Scott | Las Animas |
| Secretary | M. J. McMillin | Carlton |

Election of Delegates to Anti Leasong Convention

Motion made and carried that this Association elect ten delegates to represent it at the coming Stock Convention to be held in Denver, Colo. on April 9th, 1900 and that the delegates from this Association be instructed to cast the vote of the delegations against any leasing propposition. Luke Cahill, M. H. Murray and Dan Keesee were elected and were given credentials and were authorized to select other parties to fill up the delegation if they desired to do so.

Blackleg Resolution

The following resolution was offered by Major Towers which was adopted.

Resolved: That this, the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association of Colorado do hereby endorse the action of the Secretary of Agriculture, The Honorable James Wilson, in his efforts for the suppresion of Black leg in the United States, and view with regret any effort that has been made to suppress the free distribution of the vaccine by the Department. To the end that the disease may be eradicated from the thousands of farms and herds of the country. We further believe that only by the free distribution of vaccine that the disease can be eradicated. And possible it may become necessary to make vacination compulsary. And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Secretary of Agriculture.

The names of George A. Johnson of Las Animas and Maxwell Farm Co. of Lamar were proposed for membership. The necessary $5.00 admission fee accompaning the applications. On motion made and carried both applicants were duly elected as members of this Association.

The business of employing inspector and of making assessment for 1900 and for time of commencing round-up were all discussed but no action taken. All matters being laid over for the present.

There being no further business on motion me[illegible]ng adjourned until next annual meeting.

J. M. McMillin, Secretary

Carlton, Colo.
Feb. 11, 1901

Received this date from P. G. Scott, Treasurer the Certificate of 1B.4.J. stock brand as adopted by the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association and recorded in office of Secretary of State on October 27th, 1900 and recorded in State Brank Book No. M.4. Page 194. Signed by Elmer F. Beckwith. Secretary of State of Colo.

M. J. McMillin, Secretary
Bent County Cattle & Horse Growers Assn.

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Las Animas, Colorado Aug. 20th, 1900

Officers Present — The officers and members of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association met at City Hall at 10 A. M. pursuant to call of Secretary. Officers present were Maj. W. A. Towers, President, M. H. Murray, Vice President, M. J. McMillin Secretary and a very large attendance of the members of Association from all over the District made it seem like an old time stock meeting. Mr. Fred P. Johnson assistant Secretary of National Association was present and addressed the meeting several times during the day. Mr. Mosby Lee, State Cattle Inspector was also present and addressed the meeting on question of inspection for this fall, stating that he expected to be able to do very nearly all the inspection that would be necessary this fall.

Minutes Spring meeting approved — Meeting was called to order by the President Maj. Towers. The minutes of the annual spring meeting were read by the Secretary and there being no corrections were approved as read.

Communication — A letter was read from J. C. Johnston, manager of Prairie cattle Co saying he could not be present at the meeting but would be glad to meet anyone after the meeting to talk over matters.

N. Beatty — A letter from J. N. Beaty, member State board of Cattle Inspection saying regretted he could not be present and offering to render the Association any assistance he could as member State Board of Inspection.

W. L. Grubb on joining Western Range Assn. — A communication was read from W. L. Grubb, President Western Range Cattle Growers Association at Carbondale, Colo, asking our Association to join the Western Range Association. After some discussion, motion made by M. J. McMillin and seconded by J. Scott Robertson that it is the sense of this convention that "it is not to the interest of the Bent County Stock Association to join the Western Range Association". Motion carried unanimously.

National Livestock Assn. — Communication from National Live Stock Association soliciting Membership. Discussed by members and on motion action postponed until afternoon. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to 1 P. M.

Wilson wolf bill allowed — Meeting called to order at 1:30 P. M. by President. Secretary read communications on the Bill of C. C. Wilson for wolf scalps. After discussion a motion was made and carried that Mr. C. C. Wilson be paid for 5 grey wold cubs scalps at $.2.50 each or total of $12.50, upon presenting scalps and proper certificate to Mr. M. H. Murray., and Secretary to notify Mr. Wilson that we would not pay bounty on 12 coyote scalps presented.

Russell Bill laid over — Bill of W. G. Russell for $50.00 as expenses as inspector from January 1st to August 1st 1900. On motion bill was laid over for this meeting for further investigation.

21 new members — The election of new members being declared in order the following names were presented and were all duly elected.

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| Leslie & Hansen | Granada | Harry Pettie | Holly |
| Walter Maegher | Granada | J. A. Wilcoxen | Lamar |
| A Christian | Granada | McClave Bros. | Lamar |
| J. C. Neumaster | Granada | C. B. Thoman | Lamar |
| Wm. Grooms | Granada | J. L. Blackwell | Lamar |
| V. B. Haven | Granada | D. W. Applegate | Lamar |
| Wm. W. Reynold | Holly | Steve Scott | Lamar |
| T. D. Barroll | Holly | A. Deeter | Lamar |

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| L. Wirst Markham | Lamar, Colo. |
| B. R. Lakin | Las Animas, Colo. |
| Robert Blackburn | Las Animas, Colo. |
| Cooper & Mulvane | Las Animas, Colo. |

Round-up Committee South side River

Motion made and carried that the chair appoint a committee of three to fix time and place of commencing fall round-up. Chair appointed on this committee--Mr. M. W. Murray, Mr. James Malloy, and Mr. Charles Maxwell.

Round-up Committee North side River

Motion made and carried that chair also appoint a committee of 3 for North side round-up work. Chair appointed. Mr. Fred Baldwin, Mr. J. R. Smith and Mr J. J. Cooper.

Report of Committee South side Hunt approved.

Committee on South side of River hunt reported that hunt would commence on Sept. 12th at forks of Horse and Bear Creeks, thence working West over usual route Report adopted and committee discharged.

Northside Committee

North side committee said would report at future time and notify South side round-up of time they would commence work.

$500.00 Assessment for wolf bounty

Moved and seconded that an assessment be made by executive committee sufficient to raise $300.00 for wolf bounty fund. An amendment was offered to increase the amount to $500.00. Amendment was accepted and motion to raise $500.00 for wolf bounty fund was carried unanimously. Money to be paid out as per wolf resolution passed at Spring meeting.

Motion Inspection not voted on

On the question of employing an inspector motion made and seconded that the matter be left to Mosby Lee, State Inspector to employ anyone he wished to assist him and Association would pay him. Motion was discussed but not voted on.

Motion to employ an assistant inspector

Moved by Mr. James Malloy that the Executive Committee be empowered to employ an inspector to assist Mr. Lee, and that they levy an assessment of $300.00 for this purpose. Motion carried.

Moved by J. Scott Robertson that the foreman of different Round-up wagons be instructed to gather the B. 4. J. beef steers, and ship same with their shipments and that proceeds of sale be remitted to P. G. Scott Treasurer at Las Animas, Colo.

Join National Association

The question of joining the National Association was then taken up. M. J. McMillin moved and Wm. G. Russell seconded that we join the National Association after discussion by various members. Vote was taken and it was voted unanimously to join the National Association.

There being no further business, on motion made and carried meeting adjourned.

M. J. McMillin, Secretary

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Las Animas, Colo. August 20th, 1900

The executive committee met immediately after adjournment of Association and proceeded to levy an assessment as per resolutions passed by Association. Members present were, Maj. W. A. Towers, Pres., M. H. Murray, Vice President, M. J. McMillin, Secretary.

After making estimate of number of cattle owned by members of Association it was found necessary to make an assessment of 2½ cents per head and Secretary was instructed to notify all members and request a prompt remittance to P. G. Scott, Treasurer, so that we may have

funds to promptly meet all wolf bounty. Inspector and other bills. there being no further business the meeting of Executive Committee adjourned. Following is the list of members and the number of stock and the amount of their assessment for 1900.

| Names | Brand | No. cattle | amount | P. O. Address |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fred Harvey | XY | 1000 | 25.00 | Barton, Colo. |
| James Malloy | [illegible] | 1000 | 25.00 | Caddoa, Colo. |
| Bright Ham | [illegible] LH | 100 | 2.50 | Caddoa, Colo. |
| M. J. McMillin | [illegible] LS | 400 | 10.00 | Carlton, Colo. |
| P. L. Herring | [illegible] | 1000 | 25.00 | Coolidge, Kans. |
| F. R. Mathews | | 500 | 12.50 | Coolidge, Kans. |
| H. Van Loon | [illegible] | 100 | 2.50 | Galitae, Colo. |
| Col. Lockhart | [illegible] LS LH | 1000 | 25.00 | Colo. Springs, |
| Martin Stephens, Administrator for James Graham Estate | [illegible] | 1000 | 25.00 | Granada, Colo. |
| Leslie & Hanson | OL LH | 200 | 5.00 | Granada, Colo. |
| Walter Maeyher | [illegible] YOC | 125 | 3.12 | Granada, Colo. |
| John R. Gordon | [illegible] LS | 70 | 1.75 | Granada, Colo. |
| A. Christian | [illegible] LS | 90 | 2.25 | Granada, Colo. |
| J. C. Neumaster | 5/U LS | 100 | 2.50 | Granada, Colo. |
| Wm. Grooms | JT LS | 175 | 4.37 | Granada, Colo. |
| V. Z. Haven | VSW RS | 65 | 1.62 | Granada, Colo. |
| Prarie Cattle Co. | JJ & others | 3000 | 75.00 | Higbee, Colo. |
| Willis Butler | [illegible] | 250 | 6.25 | Holly, Colo. |
| C. L. McPherson | [illegible] LS | 400 | 10.00 | Holly, Colo. |
| Wm. W. Reynolds | PIH LS | 75 | 1.87 | Holly, Colo. |
| T. D. Barroll | FL [illegible] | 300 | 7.50 | Holly, Colo. |
| Harry Pettie | [illegible] LS | 100 | 2.50 | Holly, Colo. |
| W. J. Adams | | 1000 | 25.00 | Kit Carson, Colo. |
| Bent County Bank | | 100 | 2.50 | Las Animas, Colo. |
| A. W. Johnston | [illegible] | 100 | 2.50 | Las Animas, Colo. |
| Mrs. F. B. Moore | [illegible] | 500 | 12.50 | Las Animas, |
| Lane & Murray | [illegible] LS | 1000 | 25.00 | Las Animas, |
| L. Cahill | [illegible] | 200 | 5.00 | Las Animas |
| James Alliphant | [illegible] LS | 25 | .63 | Las Animas |
| James Reid | SR LS | 250 | 6.25 | Las Animas |
| W. N. Stone | URI LS | 200 | 5.00 | Las Animas |
| R. Klett | [illegible] LH | 300 | 7.50 | Las Animas, |
| John O. Connell | | 300 | 7.50 | Las Animas, Colo |
| George A. Johnson | [illegible] | 75 | 1.87 | Las Animas |
| B. R. Lakin | [illegible] LS [illegible] RS | 240 | 6.00 | Las Animas |
| Robert Blackburn | [illegible] | 100 | 2.50 | Las Animas |
| Cooper and Mulvane | TLS | 700 | 17.50 | Las Animas |
| St. Geo. Creigh | [illegible] RS [illegible] RS | 600 | 15.00 | Lamar, Colo. |
| Ed Sherlock | X RS | 500 | 12.50 | Lamar, Colo. |
| Russell N. Edwards | [illegible] | 100 | 2.50 | Lamar, Colo. |
| Perry Black | VOA H | 100 | 2.50 | Lamar, Colo. |
| J. K. Mullen | JKM LS | 1000 | 25.00 | Lamar, Colo. |
| Doc. Black | WXX | 200 | 5.00 | Lamar, Colo. |
| W. H. Dawson | | 200 | 5.00 | Lamar, Colo. |
| Parish & Smith | KV | 400 | 10.00 | Lamar, Colo. |
| M. Keon | [illegible] HX | 25. | .63 | Lamar, Colo. |
| Henry Keon | KCC KOE LS | 200 | 5.00 | Lamar, Colo. |
| J. Honrad Keon | [illegible] K-N JHK | 50 | 1.25 | Lamar, Colo. |
| J. Baldwin | VV RS | 5000 | 125.00 | Lamar, Colo. |
| Maxwell Farm Co. | [illegible] LS | 1500 | 37.50 | Lamar, Colo. |
| J. A. Wilcoxan | [illegible] LH | 125 | 3.12 | Lamar, Colo. |
| McClave Bros | AIL | 250 | 6.25 | Lamar, Colo. |
| C. B. Thoman | XOY LS | 70 | 1.75 | Lamar, Colo. |
| A. Deeter | Z/O LS | 50 | 1.25 | Lamar, Colo. |
| J. L. Blackwell | [illegible] LS | 125 | 3.12 | Lamar, Colo. |
| D. W. Applegate | VE LH | 100 | 2.50 | Lamar, Colo. |
| Steve Scott | [illegible] LS | 200 | 5.00 | Lamar, Colo. |
| L. Wist Markham | [illegible] LS | 75 | 1.87 | Lamar, Colo. |
| P. Jones | | 100 | 2.50 | La Junta, Colo. |
| Beatty Bros. | TO | 1000 | 25.00 | Manzanola, Colo. |
| A. F. Engard | [illegible] LS | 500 | 12.50 | Olney |

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| | Towers & Casey | 3000 | 75.00 | Prowers, Colo. |
| | Santa Fee Land & Cattle Co | 8000 | 200.00 | Prowers, Colo. |
| | Frank Bloom | 1000 | 25.00 | Trinidad, Colo. |
| Dropped 1900 | H. S. Boice Cattle Co | 3000 | 75.00 | Point Rocks |
| Dropped 1900 by request | Hall & Houten | 600 | 15.00 | La Junta, Colo. |

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Lamar, Colorado Dec. 10th, 1900

The Bent Co. Cattle and Horse Growers Association met at Lamar, Colo. at City Hose House at one P. M. for special meeting to consider advisibility of sending delegates to represent this association at the meeting of Colorado Stockmen to be held in Denver, Dec. 13-14-15, 1900.

The officers of this Association all being absent from this meeting except the Secretary M. J. McMillen. The meeting was called to order by the Secretary. On motion made and carried Mr. A. N. Parish was elected chairman of the meeting. Secretary was requested to read call for meeting. Which was done. Also a communication from Mr. L. K. Watkins of Denver asking this Association to send delegates to the Denver Convention. After discussion was moved by C. B. Thoman and Seconded by L. Wist Markham that we select nine (9) delegates to represent the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association at the Denver Convention. Motion carried.

Moved by A. N. Parish and Seconded by C. B. Thoman that the chair appoint a committee of three to select the 9 delegates and report to this meeting for their approval. Motion carried.

Delegates to Denver Convention Dec 13-14-15

Chair appointed on this committee M.J. McMillin, W. G. Russell and Ed. Sherlock. The committee above named reported the following list of delegates: Luke Cahill, M. H. Murray of Las Animas, J. K. Mullen of Denver, J. Scott Robertson of Barton, T. D. Barroll of Holley, James Malloy of Caddoa, Chas. Maxwell and Henry Keon of Lamar, and Maj. W. A. Towers of Prowers. Motion made and carried to elect the above named delegates and committee discharged.

Considerable discussion was had by members present in regard to stock laws and stock interests. Minutes of meeting of Aug. 20th, 1900, held at Las Animas were by request, read but were not approved by meeting.

Resolution to Maj. Towers

The following resolution after a full discussion was passed unanimously. "Resolved, that we the members of the Bent Co. Cattle and Horse Growers Association in convention assembled at Lamar this 10th day of Dec., 1900 do most respectfully request the President of this Association Maj. W. A. Towers to carry out the provision of Resolution passed at Las Animas on Aug. 20th 1900 in regard to joining the "National Livestock Association" and that he sign the necessary application blank for membership.

There being no further business on motion the meeting was adjourned without date.

M J. McMillin, Secretary

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Feb. 12th, 1901

Resolution for J. N. Beaty

A resolution was signed by the Secretary and President of this Association in conjunction with some officers of Otero Co. Association requesting the Governor, Wm. J. B. Orman to appoint Hon. J. N. Beaty as one of members of State Board of Cattle Inspection Commissioners.

M. J. McMillin, Sec.

Also Resolution as follows:

At a meeting of the officers of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association held Feb. 18th, 1901 the following resolution was adopted:

Resolution asking for passage of new inspection law.

Resolved that it is sense of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association that it will be to the best interests of the cattle growers of the state of Colorado that Senate bill No. 315 known as House Bill No. 339 now pending in the Thirteenth General Assembly, the same being entitled "An Act to Establish a State Board of Inspection Commissioners, prescribe their duties and powers, and repealing all acts and parts of acts in conflict therewith be passed and become a law: be it further resolved that this association use all honorable means to secure the passage of said bill.

And be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions signed by officers of this Association be forwarded to the Denver Record Stockmen of Denver, Colo. With a request that the same be published.

Signed by W. A. Tosers, President
M. J. McMillin, Secretary.

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At a meeting of the Officers of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association held Feb. 18th, 1901 the following resolution was adopted to wit:

Resolution for passage of Senate Bill No. 52 regarding fencing of Railroads, etc.

Resolved that it is the sense of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association that it will be to the best interests of the cattle growers of the State of Colorado that Senate bill No. 52 now pending in the Thirteenth General Assembly, the same being entitled "An Act in relation to the fencing of railroads, the payment of damages for animals killed or injured by railroad companies, to provide for the keeping of records and other evidence of animals so killed. And to provide penalties for the violations of its provisions. And to repeal an act entitled "An Act in relation to the payment of damages for animals killed or injured by Railway Companies: to provide for the keeping of a second of all animals so killed. and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, approved April 8th, 1893, be passed and become a law". Be it further resolved that this Association use all honorable means to secure the passage of said bill and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution signed by the officers of this Association be forwarded to the Denver Record Stockman of Denver, Colo. with the request that the same be published.

Signed by W. A. Towers, President
M. J. McMillin, Secretary

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Las Animas, Colorado April 6th, 1901

Annual Meeting April 6th, 1901

The members of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association met at City Hall for Regular , Annual meeting at 11 A. M. Meeting called to order by the President Maj. W. A. Towers. Officers present W. A. Towers, President, M. J. McMillin. Sec. On motion made and carried meeting adjourned until 1:30 P. M. to give Las Animas members an opportunity to attend the meeting.

Minutes Approved

Meeting called to order at 2:30 P. M. by President. Minutes of meeting of Aug. 20th held at Las Animas and Dec. 10th held at Lamar were read and approved. The action of the President and Secretary in signing recommendations for J. N. Beaty for member State Board Cattle Inspection Commissioners, and recommending passage by Legislature of HouseBill 339 and Senate Bill No. 52 were approved by the Association.

Bill of W. G. Russell that was laid over from Aug. 20th meeting was taken up and allowed.

Report of Treasurer P. G. Scott was read showing receipts of $794.23 and expenses of $441.05 leaving a balance in Treasury of $353.18

Secretary read report which was adopted and Sec was voted thanks for same .

To the members of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association: As your Secretary for past year I desire to congratulate you on the increased interest taken during past year on part of stockmen to

protect their interests in your own association and in State and National Associations.

New Members 1900

During the past year the membership of this Association has been increased by 23 new members. There is no doubt but what with a very little efforton part of all our members the number could of been made 100. During shipping season, we had a very good inspection service from Mr. Mosby A. Lee, State Inspector and F. M. Tate, Local Inspector. We have paid out $117.50 during the year for wolf bounty, for wolves killed on ranges of our members. This was, I think, a good move and should be continued. During past year I have tried to bring our Association to the front as one of the leading Associations of the State.

Wolf Bounty

Kindness Denver Record Stockman

We have received considerable notice through columns of Denver Record Stockman, who have published notices of our Regular and Special meeting--Roundup notices, sent Representatives to our meeting Aug. 20th, all without any expense to us. And they certainly are entitled to a vote of thanks.

Our Association was represented at the meeting of Colorado Stockmen held in Denver Dec. 13-14-15, 1900. At that meeting it was decided to join the Western Range Association and make it a State Association. Our Association sent in their application for membership on January 1st, 1901 and were admitted to membership.

At the meeting of National Live stock Association held in Salt Lake City in January 1901 you Association was represented by Mr. F. B. Moore, Charles Smith T. D. Barroll, P. L. Herring and M. J. McMillin. This representation was securedthrough kindness of Mr. Fred P. Johnson Assistant Secretary National Association. Our Association having failed to send in their application for membership.

At the meeting of State Association held in Denver March 7th & 8th your Association was represented by R. F. Klett, Ed Sherlock, Chas. Smith, C. B. Thoman, W. A. Towers, and M. J. McMillin. At the meeting the name of new State Association was changed to the Cattle and Horse Growers Assoc iation of Colorado.

During the year your officers have succeeded in having your brand B 4 J recorded in Secretary of State Office, Denver, Colo.

I would respectfully suggest for your consideration that I think it would be well for our Association to carry a list of its officers and the Brands of our members in at least one paper in Bent and Prowers County. I think benefits received would well repay expense.

Tabulated list of stock for sale

I would also suggest that each member having stock of any kind for sale during 1901 should file with the Secretary a list of all such cattle and horses. After all lists have been received by Secretary let him tabulate them all and preserve list carefully, carry the sum total on stationary and in newspapers as an advertisement. As a member sells a bunch let him notify Secretary at once so that bunch may be striken from the record. I think this plan would bring many a buyer and seller together and save many a commission.

Signed by M. J. McMillin Secretary.

Election of officers being next in order: W. A. Towers elected President, M. H. Murray 1st Vice President, A. N. Parish Second Vice President, P. G. Scott Treasurer, M. J. McMillin, Secretary.

J. N. Beaty commissioner M. A. Lee for Inspector

J. N. Beaty was recommended to Governor Orman for membership State Board cattle Inspection Commissioners. Mosby A. Lee recommended for appointment as State Cattle Inspector for this District.

Resolution adopted as follows: To wit Be it resolved by the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association in Annual Meeting assembled: That we heartily endorse the action of Representative Jim Beaty of Otero County, N. N. McLean of Prowers County, and H. L. Lubers of Bent County for their support of Senate Bill No. 315., for new

inspection law. And also known as House Bill 339. Also Senate Bill No. 52. An act to compel Rail Roads to fence their tracks pay for Rail roads to fence their tracks, pay for stock killed, etc. And we also thank all other Senators and Representatives who supported these measures. And we denounce all those Senators and Representatives who voted against the stockman's interest. And resolved further that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of above named Representatives and also be spread upon our records and a copy be sent to Denver Record Stockmen and our local papers for publication.

North side Roundup Committee

On Roundup work, on motion J. R. Smith, A. N. Parish, L. Baldwin were appointed committee to arrange for North side Roundup work and report plan of hunt at a later date.

South side River Committee Commence work May 20th

On South side River hunt Maj. W. A. Towers, Chas. Maxwell, and M. H. Murray were appointed committee. They reported at night session to commence work on Cimmeron River at Picket House on May 20th, 1901, working North and West over usual Route. Report adopted and Committee discharged.

Mr. W. E. Bolton addresses meeting

Mr. W. E. Bolton, Secretary of Oklahoma Live Stock Association and Editor of Live Stock Inspector of Oklahoma was present and addressed the meeting on subject of Better Inspection between Arkansas Valley and Oklahoma and Kansas points. Mr Bolton suggested our Association joining their Association for Brand Inspection purposes and made a splendid talk. He was voted thanks for his address and was hoped some good would come from his friendly visit.

On motion adjourned to meet again at 7:30.

Meeting again called to order y President Towers at 8:30 P. M.

Committee of 3 to meet Otero County Assn Com.

M. H. Murray, R. F.Klett and P. G. Scott was on motion appointed a committee to meet a similar committee from Otero County Association to consult together withthe view of uniting the two Associations, and on motion the above committee were given authority if after such meeting they decided it to be advisable to consolidate the two Associations, to make such arrangements as they deem advisable.

Bill's $25.00

Bill of Cattle & Horse Growers Association of Colorado for $25.00 was on motion allowed. This was for $25.00 pledged by our Association to help raise a fund for National Live stock Association.

Sec. Bill $25.12

Bill of Secretary for postage stamps and postal cards from April 7th 1900 to April 6th 1901 $7.25: Recording Association's brand $3.02 Joining Colo. State Association Fees $10.00 Money order.10 totaling 10.10. Advertising Spring and Fall Round-ups 1900 $4.7 5 total $25.12. On motion billwas allowed.

Russell's Bill $535.65

Bill of W. G. Russell for $535.65 for money expended by him in hunting horse thieves was presented to Association.

Chair appoints committee

Motion made and carried that chair appoint a committee of three to consult with Mr. Russell in regard to this bill. Chair appointed as this committee Mr. M H Murray Chas Maxwell, and Ed Shelock.

Committee reports to allow claim for $300.00

After consulting with Mr Russell committee reported as follows: to allow Mr. Russell $300.00 of this claim. $200.00 to be paid now and the other $100.00 when ever there is sufficient money in treasury to pay it. Report signed by all of above committee on motion. Report was accepted and money ordered paid and committee discharged.

Motion Executive Committee arrange to advertise brands

On motion the Executive Committee were authorized to take up the matter of advertising all the brands of members of this Association with the Editors of the Valley and ascertain what same would cost, etc and if they deem it advisable to proceed to have same printed.

On motion the committee to meet Otero Co. Committee were authorized to arrange for officers in case of consolidation and to fix the salary of the Secretary.

On motion Executive Committee was authorized to arrange for handeling B4J Cattle branding Mavericks and etc on each hunt.

New Members were elected at this meeting as follows: Ray McGrath, Lamar, Colo., W. M. Keating, Lamar, Colo, W. O. Hainline, Lamar, Colo., Mrs. Mary A. Fuller, Lamar, Colo., Thad Huey, Las Animas, Colo., J. R. Blackburn Las Animas, Colo. Fees of $35.00 paid in full.

Inspector — On motion Secretary was instructed to confer with Mr. W. E. Bolton in regard to Inspector for new Rail Road South from Liberal Kansas for this fall.

There being no further business on motion meeting adjourned with out date.

M. J. McMillin, Secretary

Brands of new members admitted April 6, 1901
W. M. Keating, Lamar Colo. Left Side Left Hip Left Side
H. O. Hainline, Lamar, Colo. Left side
Leatherman & Leisure, Lamar, Colo E L Left Side
Mrs. Mary A. Fuller, Lamar, Colo Left Side
Thad Huey, Las Animas, Colo. Hip Left side Horse brand
J. R. Blackburn, Las Animas A. R. Left side
Ray McGrath, Lamar, Colo. R hip Right Neck R hip MC Left side and right shoulder and neck. Left side left side D D left side, shoulder or hip L hip T--B L Side, 2B left side. T on Jaw X side & T L hip. around tail Over hips and jaws over neck and hips

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Las Animas, Colo. April 5, 1902

Annual meeting — The Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association met at City Hall for annual meeting. Meeting called to order at 10:30 A. M. by President W. A. Towers. Other officers present, A. N. Parish 2nd Vice President, M. J. McMillin Secretary and about 20 members of the Association. It having been discovered recently by the Secretary that the last by laws adopted by the Association had never been recorded in Secretary's book.

Committee on by laws — Motion was made and carried that President appoint a committee of three to draft new by laws. President appointed on committee C. B. Thoman, J. J. Cooper, and M. J. McMillin.

Members of press present — Moved that members of press be invited to seats at table. Motion carried. Members of press present were F. P. Johnson of Denver Record Stockman, J. T. Lowless of Lamar Sparks, W. B. Wick of Bent County Democrat.

Minutes April 6, 1901 — Minutes of Annual Meeting of April 6, 1901 were read and on motion were adopted.

New Members Admitted — Election of new members being declared in order the Secretary presented names of A. E. Donaldson, Lamar, Lamar Ranch Co., Lamar Hammond & Mechling, Granada; K. E. Messinger, Denver; J. L. Mayfield, Granada. Motion made and carried to vote on each applicant singly. The name of W. J. House was presented for membership. Above were all duly elected to membership when vote was taken.

Moved to take a recess until 2 P. M. Carried.

Meeting again called to order by President Towers at 2:30 P. M. Sullivan Bros and J. B. Dean of Las Animas and C. C. Huddleston of Lamar were all elected members. Necessary fee of $5.00 having accompanied applications.

Letters Springer and Martin — Letters of regret were read from John W. Springer and C. F. Martin, President and Secretary respectively of National Livestock Association. A request from Mr. Martin to join National Association was on motion laid on table

Letter State Vet on scab

Letter from State Veterinary Surgeon, Dr. A. B. McCopes on subject of scab, was read and Secretary instructed to answer it. This brought out a discussion on treatment of scab, dipping vats, etc and was participated in by J. R. Smith, W. A. Towers, Fred P. Johnson and others.

Pink eye

Subjectof pink eye was brought up by Mr. James Malloy, and was discussed by several members. Motion made and carried that Secretary write Dr. Chas. Gresswell, Denver, for explanation in regards to pink eye.

Secretary Report

Secretary read his report for 1901. Motion carried that it be accepted and spread upon the records. Secretary's report April 5, 1902

To the members of the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association. As your Secretary for past two years, I desire to again congratulate you on the present condition of cattle and high prices now being realized for good cattle and especially our members who are feeding cattle for market are to be congratulated for the fancy price they have and will receive for their finished cattle. Since our Annual Meeting of one year ago we have went through some very trying times to stockmen. The dry hot summers and over-stocked ranges, caused stock to go into winter in very poor condition, but thanks to an all-wise providence you have the finest winter for stock for many years. and your losses on range have been comparitively nothing. but let me sound here a note of warning: Don't try it too often on open range without feed, or not even the humane society will save you. It is to risky. Make hay while the sun shines, and prepare to take better care of your stock in the future, or a hard winter will come and you will be out of business and will only have your Brand Certificate and mortgage left. The Arkansas Valley can feed during the winter all the stock the outside ranges can summer. Raise more hay, more surgum milo maize and Kaffir corn. Raise more beets and furnish your own factory to manufacture them, not into sugar but into beef, pork and mutton. Tarif duties on sugar will not affect your factory. But send your finished product on to Denver where a new packing plant will be ready to receive it this fall at good prices. "Stockmen of the Arkansas Valley!" you have a brilliant future ahead of you if you only take advantage of your opportunities.

As for the business of this Association for past year very little business has been done. No meeting of any kind were held since last Annual meeting. Fortunately it was not deemed necessary to employ an assistant inspector on a salary. Mr. J. R. Smith of Lamar was appointed Deputy Inspector and has done considerable work, serving without pay. As he has spent considerable time and no doubt some money, I think it our duty to at least partly reimburse him for time and expenses.

No assessment was made on our members for 1901, no arrangements as far as I can learn were made by executive committee in regard to branding gathering, or selling the B. 4. J. cattle though instructed to do so at last Annual meeting. I am told this brand is looked upon as public property on the range and I think some definate arrangements whould be made in regard to them at this meeting. I was surprised some time ago to find we had no by laws now in force, recorded in our minute book. Original by laws of 1874 having been repealed in 1885, and ones adopted at that time were never recorded. I think this should be attended to today.

I would also suggest changing the date of our annual meeting to an earlier date. This is a very busy time of year for stockmen to leave their herds and ranches, and I think a date before 1st of March would be more satisfactory. And as the state association meets in March if we had our date prior to that time could then elect delegates at our annual meeting.

Representation at State Meeting Ed Sherlock, M. J. McMillin

Your Association was only represented by two men at last meeting of state association though a list of seven (7) delegates were appointed to go. At this convention one of your members was honored by being placed on Resolution Committee, and Mr. J. Scott Robertson one of our members was elected a member of the State Executive Committee.

Suggest some one examine brands of estrays

I would suggest for your consideration that some one should be selected by this Association to examine the Brands on all cattle and horses sold and reported as estray in office of Secretary of State Board of Cattle Inspection Commissioners at Denver. and see if any stock so sold belongs to any member of this association.

I would also suggest the offer of a standing reward for the conviction and sentence of any person or persons for killing or stealing any stock from

any member of this Association

Advertising Brands — I am of some opinion, it was a year ago that it would pay this Association to advertise the brands of its members in one or more newspapers or to publish a new brand book or both.

Wolves — During the year there has been paid out wolves killed on ranges of members of our Association $167.50. I think this present plan a good one and should be tried for another year.

Otero County Meeting — It was my pleasure to attend the annual meeting Feb. 1st at La Junta of the Otero County Stock Association, where I was royally treated and elected an honory member of their Association, and it was very gratifying to me to hear the expressions of good will for this Association as expressed by the Otero County Members.

National Convention — This Association was represented at National Livestock Association meeting in Chicago by several of our members, receiving their credentials through our State Association.

R. R. shipments — I call your attention to injustice of present manner of shipping stock West over the Santa Fe R. R. and suggest some plan be proposed at this meeting to remedy the evil.

Thanking each and every member of this Association for any favors and assistance rendered me during past year, and asking for the same assistance for my successor. I have the honor to be

yours truly,
Marsena J. McMillin, Secretary

Treasurers Report — Treasurers report read and ordered placed on file and on the records.

CREDITS

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| Balance on hand from last report | $323.18 | |
| Assessments Collected | 297.49 | |
| Admission fees | 35.00 | |
| Otero Co. Association(Inspectors salary 1899 & 1900) | 45.00 | |
| Fowler Co. Association " " | 30.00 | |
| | $730.67 | $730.67 |

DISBURSEMENTS

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| Paid W. G. Russel Cattle Inspection | 50.00 | |
| Paid W. G. Russell Hunting Horse thieves | 275.00 | |
| Paid Cattle & Horse Growers Assn of Colo | 25.00 | |
| Paid Cattle & Horse Growrs AnnualDues | 10.00 | |
| Paid Receipt book | .20 | |
| Paid M. J. McMillin for stamps, stationary joining State Assn. 10.00, recordin B.4.J. brand, etc | 25.12 | |
| Paid Bounty of $5.00 each on 19 wolves | 95.00 | |
| Bounty of 2.50 each on 29 wolves | 72.50 | $552.82 |
| Balance on hand April 5th 1902 | | $177.85 |

Signed P.G. Scott, Treasurer

Jack Hardy letter — Letter read from Jack Hardy, Higbee, Colo wanting to buy B.4.J. cattle. Motion carried to file letter and cattle to be retained by Association.

Shipping facilities discussed by many of members and J. B. Lynch, Santa Fee Livestock Agent. Many complaints were made against past treatment and against injustice of loading stock for West on local freights. Mr. Lynch frankly admitted service was not what it should be and hoped it could be remedied.

Remarks J. J. Cahill — Mr. J. J. Cahill manager of Denver's new packing plant addressed the meeting saying they were constructing an up to date plant capacity daily 800 cattle, hogs 1200, and could use all the cattle the state could furnish and urging stockmen to feed more cattle for market. and promised to as-

sist the stockmen in securing better freight rates on corn, cottonseed meal and other feed stuffs and better shipping facilities west than local freights. Mr. Cahill was voted thanks of Association for his presence and promise to assist our stockmen.

Remarks were made on subject of feeding, shipping, and getting better feed rates by Towers, Parish, Cooper, Fred P. Johnson and others.

Resolution by A. N. Parish offered and read by Secretary. Motion made and carried that resolution be adopted.

Resolution:

Resolution

Whereas: a number of Denver capitalists have recently commenced the construction of a modern packing plant in that city which will have a capacity sufficient to handle all the livestock that can be supplied from this and other western states and

Whereas: the Denver Livestock Market is several hundreds of miles nearer this district than any other market and is our natural home market for beef cattle, and Whereas: owing to the fact that the Railroads in the Valley seeking the longer haul and the larger profit incident to East bound shipments. Not only do not provide adequate or convient train service from this section to the Denver markets but strive in every way to make shipments in that direction both improfitable and seriously inconvienent, we have heretofore found it practically impossible to patronize our home market. therefore, Resolved: by the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association, that we congratulate the enterprising people of Denver on their new packing plant, and express our earnest desire to patronize that market, if the Santa Fe and Missouri Pacific Railroads can be induced to furnish us a train service in that direction that will put our stock on that market in a reasonable time. Also give us rates on cotton seed meal, corn, and other feed stuffs for fattening our cattle, hogs, and sheep. And will ask the promoters of that market and the Colorado Cattle and Horse Growers Association to join us in our efforts to secure fair play from the Railroads and a service for which we are willing to pay.

Resolution: Whereas: The Arkansas Valley District taking in that part of the Valley between Pueblo and the Kansas State line ship more cattle than any other section of the State, and Whereas: this section is not represented upon the State Board of Cattle Inspection Commissioners, Therefore Resolved: That the Governor, James P. Orman, be asked to appoint a member of the Board from the Cattlemen of this District, and will ask that Mr. J. N. Beatty of Manzanola, Colo. be appointed, and the Secretary be instructed to notify the Secretary of the State Association of this action and the aid of the State Association be solicited to aid in securing this result. Resolution adopted.

Endorsing M. A. Lee

Moved and carried to endorse Mosby A. Lee for Reapointment as State Cattle Inspector.

Allowing Lee $5.00

Motion to allow Mosby A Lee $5.00 a month from this date from funds of this Association to help defray his expenses. Carried.

Allowing J. R. Smith $5.00

Moved to allow J. R. Smith Deputy Inspector, $5.00 a month from this date from funds of this Association for his expenses as local inspector. Carried.

Moved: That Secretary be instructed to write Secretary McCorllis of State Board of Cattle Inspection Commissioners to put a stop to shipments of stock over Missouri Pacific R.R. without being inspected, and that Sec. McCorllis attention be called to fact that some State Inspectors are acting as Commission Agents and are buying and selling and shipping cattle and that no inspector should be allowed to purchase and sell cattle while serving as Inspector. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned to 7:30 P. M.

Meeting again called to order by President Towers at 7:30.
Secretary presented a bill for $14.95 for postage, expenses to La Junta and board bill of J. J. Cahill and F. P. Johnson, Bill was allowed.

Report Committee on by laws

Committee on By Laws reported that they had drawn new by laws. They were ordered read. Chairman C. B. Thoman read them in full. Motion made and carried to read them Section by Section and adopt each section separately; Preamble was read and adopted without change. Sections one to 20 Inclusive of ByLaws read Section by Section and adopted without a change of a word, or a desenting vote. Preamble and By Laws will be found recorded in full as adopted on pages 197 to 201 Inclusive.

Officers

Election of officers being declared in order. Maj. W. A. Towers Reelected President, unanimously, M. H. Murray, reelected Vice President, unanimously, A. N. Parish, reelected 2nd Vice President, unanimously, M. J. McMillin reelected Secretary, J. R. Sullivan elected Assistant Secretary, P. G. Scott reelected Treasurer, unanimously. President Towers made address thanking members for the honor conferred on him and congratuling members on increased interest being taken in livestock matters, and s aid it made him feel good to preside at this the largest and liveliest stock meeting held here for 15 years and predicting many more good meetings in the future.

Oleo Resolution

Resolution on Oleomargerine Bill

Whereas: Notwithstanding the earnest protests of the stockmen of the whole country, the Congress of the United States has passed the Henry Oleomargerine Bill, one of the most pernicious and unfair laws ever attempted in the annals of National Legislation in this Country and which establishes the precedent that one Industry if it has the pull in Congress, may legislate another off the face of the earth.

Therefore, Resolved: That that will most heartily condemm this law as unjust, unfair and Class Legislation of the worst kind., and will congratulate our Senasors. H. M Teller, and T. M. Patterson for their stand opposition to this measure and assure them that they have the thanks and gratitude of the stockmen of the whole west. Resolution adopted.

Blackleg Resolution

Resolved that the thanks of this Association be extended to Dr. D. E. Salmon, Chief of Bureau of Animal Industry, for their efforts to stamp out Blackleg and distributing vaccine free to stockmen, and to ask them to send this association any information they may possess in regard to Scabbies, Pink eye and etc., and to send us any Bulletins they may have on these subjects. Resolution adopted.

Secretary's pay ofr 1901

Resolution: that Secretary be allowed a vote of thanks as compensation for his services during past year. Carried unanimously.

Address by Fred P. Johnson, Secretary State Association on work of State Association, benefits of organization, needed legislation, Association Lawyer, etc, and legislation at last session of Legislature. Remarks by N. L. Luber, Representative on Bucklin Bill, stock legislation, policies, etc.

ROUNDUP WORK

Southside River Hunt

Motion made and carried to commence the spring roundup on South side of Arkansas River at Picket House on Cimmaron River working North and West over usual route. Work to Commence on May 20th.

North side hunt

Motion made and carried that J. R. Smith, A. N. Parish and Ed. Sherlock be appointed a committee of three to arrange for north side round up and report later.

B.4.J. Cattle

On B.4.J. cattle considerable discussion was had and it was finally decided that all B.4.J cattle were to be gathered and thrown onto Mud Creek. and a tally kept as near as possible as to the number and class of cattle gathered. That the executive committee shall decide this fall after learning as near as possible the number and class of cattle they have, whether it is best to dispose of any or all of them. On South side of River Maj. Towers outfit to be empowered to handle these cattle. On North side of river the Lamar Pool to have power to handle them. All without expense to Association for the Spring Roundup.

pass for J. R. Smith

Moved and carried that this Association ask Santa Fee Railroad to furnish transportation to J. R. Smith, Dupty State Cattle Inspector between La Junta and Coolidge Kansas

Report No. of stock

Moved and cattied that each member report to the Secretary at once the number of cattle and horses they own, and their brands and ear marks.

Publish By laws and Brands

Resolution: Be it resolved that the Secretary be empowered to have our By Laws printed in pamphlet form of 200 copies, together with the brands of each member, giving the Post Office address and range. Expenses to be defrayed by general assesment and each member in good standing be furnished a copy of this form. Resolution adopted unanimously.

Vote of Thanks

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. J. J. Cahill and Fred P. Johnson for attending out meeting and for their kind offers to assist our Association. Motion made and carried to make Mr. J. J. Cahill and Fred P. Johnson Honorary Members of this Association. Mr. Johnson expressed his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him for himself and for Mr. Cahill who was not present and stated it was Mr. Cahill's intention to see that every member of our Association received a daily copy of Denver Record Stockman for a year at his expense.

vote of Thanks

Vote of thanks extended to press for notices of this meeting; to City of Las Animas for use of City Hall, and to everyone who contributed to success of this meeting.

It being time for Eastern members to go to depot to take train, meeting was hurridly adjourned, leaving a considerable amount of business undone. Thus closing the liveliest, longest, and most enthusiastic stock meeting held here for many years.

M. J. McMillin, Secretary

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CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS AS ADOPTED AT LAS ANIMAS, COLO. April 5, 1902

PREAMBLE

Whereas: It is to benefit of all classes of men engaged in similiar pursuits to organize themselves into Associations for the mutual protect - ion and benefit of their respective calling, and whereas: past experience has proven that Associations for the live stock industry are especially essential, and necessary to promote the welfare of men engaged therein. and whereas: An organization called the Bent County Cattle and Horse Growers Association has therefore been formed but as such organization has not completed its By Laws

Therefore be it resolved that the following By Laws be adopted for the government of said organization.

Sec. One I,

The name of this organization shall be the "Bent and Prowers County's Cattle and Horse Growers Association".

Sec. 2 II The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary.

Sec. 3. III It shall be the duty of the President to preside over all meetings held by the Association, to sign and approve all orders for moneys ordered paid by this Association on its board of directors. To call special meetings as he may deem necessary from time to time.

Sec 4. IV It shall be the duties of the Vice President to discharge the duties of the president in his absence.

Sec. 5. V The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all moneys belonging to the Association and pay the same upon an order signed by the President and countersigned by the Secretary He shall receive the money aforesaid from the hands of the Secretary from time to time and give his receipt thereon.

Sec. 6. VI It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep correct minutes of the proceedings of this Association, to collect all moneys due the Association. Keep a just and correct account thereof and pay the same over to the Treasurer taking his receipt therefor. He shall draw and countersign all orders for moneys to be paid out by this Association as may be ordered by the Association or its Board of Directors. He shall receive such compensation as may be deemed just and reasonable, and present his bill to the Association at the Annual Meeting or its Board of Directors.

Sec 7. VII It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary to discharge the duties of the Secretary in his absence and otherwise assist him in the performance of his duties.

Sec. 8. VIII The above named officers shall constitute a Board of Directors who shall meet on the call of the President.

Sec. 9. IX The Annual Meeting of this Association shall be held at Las Animas, Colo. on the third Monday in February in each year at which time all officers shall be elected.

Sec. 10. X Any Cattle or Horse Grower desiring to become a member of this Association shall subscribe to its rules and by laws and pay an application fee of five($5.00) dollars. He shall be admitted to membership by a majority vote of all members present at any annual or special meeting. His written application having first been presented and above fee of five ($5.00) dollars paid.

Sec. 11 XI The Board of Directors shall have power to levy all necessary assesments. This Assesment shall be based upon the number of Cattle and Horses owned by the members of this Association. Each member shall pay his prorata share thereof. Whenever the board of Directors shall make an assesment it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make a certificate for each member showing the number of stock he is assessed upon, rate per head and the total amount. The Secretary shall also make a record of such assesment with the names of all the members and amounts assessed against them respectively. The Secretary shall forward all certificates to the members and within thirty days of the date of such assesment each member shall pay into the hands of the Secretary the amount assesed against him, provided that nonsuch assesment shall be made to exceed two cents per head of stock.

Sec. 12. XII The funds of this Association shall only be expended in such a manner as may be directed by the Association or its Board of Directors.

Sec. 13. XIII Ten members of this Association in good standing shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any Annual or Special Meeting.

Sec. 14. XIV Any member who shall fail to pay the assesments levied by the Association or its Board of Directors within sixty days from the time he is notified of such assesment shall be dropped from the roll of membership. Provided that any member so dropped may be reinstated by a majority vote at any Annual meeting upon payment of all past assesments.

Sec. 15. XV The Secretary and Treasurer of this Association shall each give a bond in the sum of one thousand dollars, with security to be approved by the President and Vice Presidents of this Association. Said bonds shall be in the custody of said President.

Sec. 16. XVI This Association shall pay a reward of one hundred ($100.00) Dollars to any person or persons furnishing evidence sufficient to convict and sentence any person who shall be guilty of the larceny of any livestock, the property of any member of this Association.

Sec. 17. XVII The Board of Directors shall have power to employ counsel in such a manner and on such terms as they may deem best. For the prosecution of any person charged with larceny of any stock that is the property of any member of this Association

Sec. 18. XVII It shall be the duty of any member of this Association who shall notice any stock belonging to any other member of this Association away from its

particular range to at once notify the owner thereof by mail or otherwisel. Provided the parties having said stock in their possession cannot show a bill of sale and give a satisfactory explanation of ownership.

Sec. 19. XIX These by-laws may be altered or amended by a majority vote of all members present at any annual or special meeting.

Respectfully submitted
Signed by C. B. Thomas ) M. J. McMillin ) Committee John J. Cooper )

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Las Animas, Colo. July 19th, 1902

A Special meeting of the Bent and Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association was called to order at the Court House at 3:30 P. M. by M. H. Murray, Vice President. As the President W. A. Towers was absent. Officers present M H. Murray, Vice President and M. J. Mc Millin, Secretary, and members Scott, Stone, Klett, Connell Johnson, Dean Lakin, Blackburn, Cooper, Smith, making a quorum.

Minutes of last regular meeting of April 5, 1902 together with by laws adopted at that meeting were read and approved. Election of new members being in order the following names were presented, the necessary $5.99 having been paid and were elected.

Names of new members

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| F. W. Vernon & Bro. | Granada |
| G. M. Sherman | Granada |
| T. C. Leslie | Granada |
| W. C. McCurry | Granada |
| T. M. Phillips | Granada |
| Gerrard Bros. | Granada |
| J. F. Mendenhall | Granada |
| T. W. Bilderback elected in place of Mr. A. Christion who has sold his ranch and cattle to him | |
| John Dorrance | Lamar |
| Downing Bros. and Hazelton | Lamar |
| L.S. Cox | Lamar |
| Carver Bros. & Co. | Lamar |
| C. W. Busk | Lamar |
| Jas. T. Knuckey & Sons | Lamar |
| R. Vogel | Lamar |
| Kearn & Mitchell | Lamar |
| Arthur Carver | Lamar |
| I. H. Myers | Lamar |
| A. E. Bent | Lamar |
| Lamson Bros. | Lamar |
| W. H. Chaplin & Sons | Lamar |
| J. W. Ball | Lamar |
| Robinson Bros. | Lamar |
| Steward & Pilloud Bros | Lamar |
| F. A. Lamper | Lamar |
| A. F. Miller | Lamar |
| W. S. Davies | Lamar |
| O. G. & M. Strain | Lamar |
| Scott W. Peek | Las Animas |
| John W. Moore | Las Animas |
| M. B. Darling | Las Animas |
| S. Simcox & Co. | Las Animas |
| Carey N. Troup | Las Animas |
| A. Dumbauld | Las Animas |
| W. B. Peart | Las Animas |
| E. B. West | Las Animas |
| Chas. K. Davis | Caddoa |
| Chas. Baldwin & Sons | Caddoa |
| Thos. Himote | Caddoa |
| Adolph Froelick | Galeatea |
| The Arkansas Valley Sugar Beet & Irrigated Land Co. | Holly |
| W. E. Vincent | Holly |
| H. M. Milford (fees to be paid by advertising | Holly |

L. J. Mathews Coolidge, Kansas
H. S. Crittenden Coolidge, Kansas
David H. Edwards Carlton, Colo.
Walter Creek Carlton, Colo.

L. A. Allen of Kansas City, Missouri was elected an Honory member of this association.

Mr. J. J. Cooper brought up question of his assesment for 1900 being too high having returned too many cattle. No action was taken.

Considerable discussion was had over Brand Book and publishing of same.

The Propisition of Lamar Sparks and Lamar Register to print 300 copies of leather bound velvet finish paper, size 7 X4 inches for $185.00 was finally accepted and Secretary instructed to go ahead and have Book published. Some members who have not taken any interest in Association or paid any assesments for several years were ordered dropped and names of J. Baldwin & Co. Harry Pettie, A. F. Engard, and James Reid were ordered striken from the rool.

Secretary was instructed to write to Frank Bloom that if he would remit $5.00 it would be accepted in full payment for all arrears, and to send his brands for publication in Brand Book.

Secretary instructed to write other delinquent members to please pay up at once.

Secretary instructed to write the Secretary of State Board of Cattle Inspection regards B.4.J. cattle sold in 1901, if any. Letter from State Board Humane Society sent in regard to Roping and Broncho busting contests read and ordered laid on the table. Letter from F. P. Johnson stating that State Cattle & Horse Growers Association had employed Thos. Nard as Attorney was read, and action of State Association was endorsed.

Bill of Colorado Cattle and Horse Growers Assn. for $105.00 assesment on 20,000 cattle and 1000 horses at ½ cent per head was read and Secretary was instructed to write and ask for a reduction of 5000 head cattle on account of several large company having quit helping to support this Association. Bill of Holly News for $1.62 for Advertising was read and on motion was allowed. Bill of Secretary for stamps $3.50, Postal cards 1.00, Tablet.10 cents. Roundup and Brand Book notices paid for $4.35 Blank book .20, services of type writing for 215 letters written $5.00 total $14.15 was on motion allowed.

Treasurer P. G. Scott moved that Secretary be allowed the usual compensation for his services. (A vote of Thanks). carried unanimously. There being no further business meeting adjourned

M J McMillin, Secretary

Lamar Colo Aug. 29th. 1902

The Bent and Prowers County Cattle and Horse Growers Association met at Lamar, Colo. at Club Room at 9 A. M. as per call of President. The President and both Vice Presidents being absent meeting was called to order by Secretary and Mr. J. R. Smith was unanimously chosen for temporary chairman. Election of members being declared first business in order, the following names were presented for membership. The necessary $5.00 for each having been paid or vouched for. W. O. Cox, Prowers, Colo., J. J. Donneheu & Frank Crittenden, Coolidge, Kansas. The Horse Creek Farming Co., Chas. Scarlett, Manager and S. N. Canfield, Holly, Colo. Chas. Maxwell and A. L. Beavers of Lamar, Colo. all were elected without any objection.

Considerable discussion was had about fall roundup work on South side of Arkansas River, and finally J. Scott Robertson, Charley Maxwell, and George Leisure was appointed a committee to arrange same and report later North Side Roundup to commence at Arlington Oct. 1st. No further business. Meeting adjourned. M. J. McMillin, Secretary

THEY MADE HISTORY WITH GRASS

STEPHEN (STEVE) F. JONES

Born in Tennessee East of Memphis and came to Texas to engage in the cattle business near Jacksboro

After the War between the States he and his brothers Peyton and Jim gathered a herd of cattle to take to Colo. as a foundation herd. The ones who went with this herd were Stephen his wife. Lou and Daughter, Anna, Peyton, Jim, his wife, Lizzie and children Deb and wife called Pub, John T. Woods, wife and children, Henry Jones and Mack Dean making seven men to handle the herd.

In the spring of 1869 they left the Concho near where San Angelo, Texas is now, grazing as they went, hit the Pecos, followed it up to its head, then north across the Canadian and Cimmaron Rivers. They made it into the Folsom, New Mexico country late in the fall. It was beginning to snow, it was slow going from there on with blizzards and cold. Camping out they endured many hardships. They crossed Trinchero Pass into Colorado and down the Purgatorie to Nine Mile Bottom (Picketwire) their destination. This was the trail that Chas. Goodnight blazed in 1866, almost twice as far as direct north but done to avoid hostile Indians.

Another drive was made in 1871.

In 1879 Peyton Jones went back to Texas on the train and brought back Frank and Bingham Dean, Tom and Guy Woods, Tom Franklin and Bang Jones.

In 1870 The Bent County Stock Association was organized, with Steve Jones the first president, for the purpose of protecting the interests of the cattle business. He was reelected president in 1871.

About the time Steve went to Strong City, Kansas to receive and put on Blue Stem grass pasture the older steers, 2's up. These cattle were shipped down in the spring and sold fat in the fall, an outstanding operation in that early day.

In 1881 the Jones's sold their land and cattle and horses to the Prarie Cattle Co. which sale set the price paid for smaller outfits bought out. There were about 54,000 cattle, 300 horses, the range was east and south of the Picketwire and Arkansas Rivers to the Cimarron about 3500 square miles, two and a quarter million acres. The sale price was $625,000.00.

Steve continued to live in Strong City where he helped organize The Strong City State Bank that still is in operation.

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JOHN W. PROWERS

John Wesley Prowers was born near Westport, Jackson County, Missouri, January 29, 1838.

Like many pioneers, John W. Prowers, received only a meager education in common school, but received a long schooling in the college of "hard knocks." When only eighteen years of age he crossed the plains with Robert Miller, Indian agent for the upper Arkansas. They proceeded to Bent's New Fort, near the location of the Prowers railway station. Miller's agency at this time included the Kiowas Comanches Apaches. Cheyennes. and the Arapahoes. Prowers was employed as clerk to handle the large stock of annuity goods for the tribes. John Prowers entered the employee of Col Wm Bent at his store there He remained with Bent for seven years during which time he made ten trips across the plains with wagon trains hauling supplies. He also made several trips to Fort Union New Mexico and one to Fort Laramie. Wyoming. He made a total of twenty two trips across the plains, twelve of which were on his own account.

After leaving Bent, Mr. Prowers had charge of the Sutler Store, of Mr. Winsor and his successor Stewart and Schrewesberry at old Fort Lyon.

Mr. Prowers was married in 1861 to Amy, daughter of Chief Ochinee of the Cheyenne tribe. In 1868 he opened up his farm at Boggsville. The

county seat of Bent County, when first organized, was at this location. Mr. Prowers was appointed one of the first commissioners by the Governor, and afterwards was returned to the post by election of the people.

In the fall of 1873, upon the founding of the present town of Las Animas, Mr. Prowers and a brother-in-law. Mr. Hough, opened a commission house and general merchandise store.
As an Independent candidate he was elected to the Legislature in 1873 and again in 1880. He was the originator on the bill on apportionment, later called the " Sliding Scale" bill.

Mr. Prowers was well known far beyond the bounds of Bent County, as a large and successful stockman. He was a firm believer in Herford stock. In 1871 he bought "Gentle the Twelth" from Frederick Stone of Guelth, Canada. Her in years numbered fifty seven head of which three met death. The remaining fifty four averaged her owner $200.00 per head, a total of $10,800.00. Mr. Prowers enclosed 80,000 acres of land in one body, and owned forty miles of river frontage, controlling 400,000 acres of range. Mr. Prowers was such a good handler of range cattle that in the year 1882 he was offered the amount of $775,000.00 for his herds and ranges.

In 1880 he built a slaughter house and dressed out cattle. This was a great convenience to stockmen who might wish to dispose of a few head at a time. This continued until freight rates rose too high for shipments to pay.

Mr. Prowers lived on very friendly relations with his wifes people and many of the Cheyennes were received, entertained, and departed with a horse and other presents.

John Wesley Prowers died February 14th, 1884 in Kansas City where he was staying for treatment. Bent County lost a good citizen and far sighted business man whose friends were numbered by his acquaintences.

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RICHARD F. KLETT

Feb 28 1841--July 18, 1921

Richard F. Klett was born Feburary 28, 1841 on a sailing vessel while the family was enroute from Germany to New York. The Mother died on reaching New York and was buried there. The Father moved to Wisconsin with his Children and settled on a farm near Milwaukee. There Richard got the equivelent of our third or fourth grade education.

When the Civil War broke out he joined the Union Forces and took part in many important engagements. He marched with Sherman to the Sea. On this march he suffered a severe wound in his leg. In 1866 Richard came west to Cheyenne, Wyoming on crutches; still carrying his war injuries. The Union Pacific Railway Co. was building their road here; Richard got a job as a laborer and soon distinguished himself, and was soon made foreman. He worked with the railroad for two and a half years and with the money he had saved he purchased some teams and wagon and got into the freight business. His first big job came when some people from Boston came west and wanted to get to Silver City, New Mexico. Mr. Klett offered to take them by wagon to Silver City and got the job. After freighting around Silver City he finally traded his freight outfit along with the money he saved for 400 head of cattle. From that time, until his death he was a stockman. He brought his cattle to the Arkansas Valley and wintered them on the Arkansas River near Boone. The following spring he sold out and then started for Texas. There he bought 800 head of cows at $2.50 a head and each cow had a big calf. These were brought back and wintered on what is now the Ab. Smith rangh north and west of Ordway, Colorado. This trailing of cattle from Texas continued for several years. On one of these trips to Texas he bought horses instead of cattle but the Indians caught up with him and he lost his entire herd.

Mr. Klett squatted on 160 acres of land near the head of Caddoa Creek, which he later homesteaded and proved up, and he controlled all the water on Caddoa Creek for about 20 miles. In the latter part of the 90's the Prarie Cattle Company sold their entire cow herd and then bought and turned loose

100,000 head of steers. These stray steers created quite a problem and Mr. Klett was compelled to fence his land to protect his cattle and pasture. At this time his pasture consisted of about three townships, practically all government land. After the fencing was completed his became the first big pasture on the south side of the river. This operation continued for several years raising cattle, sheep, and horses. At one time he owned about as many horses as cattle. The records show that in 1895 he owned 2,300 head of cattle. In 1899 he had 2,500 head of sheep. On his cattle and horses he used the quarter circle K brand; this brand is still used by his son Richard H. Klett, and is probably the oldest brand in Colorado today still in active use by the same family. Mr. Klett's operation continued until President McKinley was assinated and Vice President Theodore Roosevelt took office. One of the first laws he passed was making it unlawful to fence government land, and those ranchers that had fenced their pasture were given a certain length of time to take their fences down. After the passing of this law Mr. Klett gradually got rid of most of his land and cattle. The ranch at that time, and still is, known as the old Dutch Ranch. Mr. Klett then bought two Indian claims on the north side of the Arkansas River near Caddoa. As a matter of interest Mr. Wilkie Ham was born on one of these Indian Claims. From this point until his retirement in 1910 he ran a few cattle and several hundred head of horses.

It is said that he went broke three times in his career, one time in New Mexico, yet he finished his years in prosperity. In 1886 Mr. Klett married Anna Meibohn of Milwaukee. There were two children in the family. Richard H. Klett who took over his Dad's operations after his retirement, and who now lives in Las Animas; and Agnes, who is now Mrs. Holland and lives in California. Mr. Klett was county treasurer for two years. He died July 18, 1921.

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## MURDO MAC KENZIE

KING OF THE CATTLEMEN--so called because of his long years as a leader, wide experience and the new innovations he introduced to better handle large numbers of cattle.

Came over from Scotland to manage the Prarie Cattle Co. whose range at that time extended from the Arkansas River on the North to Tascasco Texas on the south, nearly three hundred miles. Became a member of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association in 1886.

He managed the Matador's for many years, his son, John, succeeded him with the Matadors. Murdo went to Brazil to manage The Brazil Land, Cattle and Packing Co. with headquarters at Sao Paulo. This was a French Syndicate, one of the largest ranches in the world. The first World War practically put them out of business. During this pioneering era Murdo never carried a gun and hardly ever rode a horse, went to the roundups in a buckboard. He was sometimes threatened by discharged or disgruntled cowhands but if he could meet them they parted on friendly terms.

While with the Prairie Murdo bought a tract of land at Stonewall Restricted Area, he built himself a summer home and let friends build summer homes around him--a select group.

When Murdo managed the Prairie there were three divisions, the north from the Arkansas South. They branded about 10,000 calves JJ, this they had bought from the Jones brothers, Steve, Jim and Pate for $625,000.00 in 1881 about 54,000 cattle and land. The Colo. Division embraced 2,240,000 acres and an area of 3,500 square miles.

Over the border in New Mexico and the Oklahoma Panhandle the second division branded about ten thousand calves this was bought from the Hall Bros. It comprised 4,032 square miles or 2 580 480 acres with 57 799 cattle at the first stocking. The third division comprised the LIT purchased from Major Littlefield, headquarters at Tascosa 400 square miles or 256 000 acres. The value of the entire property (about 1883) was $4 416.484. About 26,000 calves were branded in 1882 They paid a 20½ percent dividend in 1883.

It is doubtful whether any other corporation on either continent outranked it in numbers of cattle marketed when the full period of its existence is considered; organized under the laws of Great Britain in 1881 and dissolved in 1915.

When the Indians burned all their wagons, equipment and belongings, Jim claimed damages from the government for $15,000 as all his money was burned, with the exception of $1,000 cash he carried in his belt. Riley had only $300.

Later, about 25 miles east of Old Town they filed on a 160-acre homestead. Then Jim made the acquaintance of Jim Prowers. He borrowed $1 200 from him to buy cattle. At Fort Honda he bought 100 head at $12.00 per head. He bought a team of horses, spring wagon and harness. He had engaged two Mexicans who later plotted to kill him and he had to get rid of them. He sold 50 head of these cattle to John Prowers for $25.00 per head.

1873 his cattle had increased considerably and he filed on another 160 acres of dry land and an additional 160 acres of timberland.

The Santa Fe Railroad was now completed to Las Animas.

By 1875 nearly all the residents of Old Las Animas had moved to what was known as West Las Animas. Later the word "west" was dropped. They year he married Miss Ellen Sullivan.

He now had left the employ of Mr. Prowers and devoted his entire time to his business and became one of the leading cattlemen of the country.

All went well in the cattle business here, but Texas was having it hard and they were selling their cattle to ranchers here for $9 per head. Jim insisted to his neighbor ranchers these thin-skinned cattle could not stand the Colorado winters. Jan. 3, 1886 the last train herd of cattle over the old Chisolm trail was made. The foreman was Jeff Ham, who lived in and around Las Animas until his death in 1898. It was on this trail herd that the old song "Get Along Little Doggie, Get Along" was written.

Jim Malloy was one of the luck ones who pulled thru with a good bank account and also good credit which he used in buying up mortgaged ranches and the stock that servived the big storm.

By 1889 he had established a home in Las Animas, but putting his entire time at the ranch. He was now about the largest shipper of cattle in the Arkansas Valley shipping as many as three trainloads a season.

When the old Catholic Church was built he furnished all the lumber and delivered it to the grounds.

He displayed his chairty in many ways by gifts, needed food, clothing and shelter.

He died in 1922 at the age of 83. His wife had died some time earlier. He left a family of nine to carry on, five who are known to be still living.

# JAMES MALLOY

James (Jim) Malloy was born near Erie, Pa. in 1839. He was one of eleven children. His parents were farmers and the task of feeding and clothing then was a problem. so one day his father told him, "Son, you are now 11 years old and it is time for you to go out for yourself."

His father gave him a bag containing some dried beef and a few buns, bid him good luck and advised him to go West. Jim had no money and a few scanty clothes.

Over-taking a 20-wagon ox train he fell in with them, filling in whereever needed. The road from Pennsylvania to the Missouri River w as a long one, and they finally landed at Westport, what is now known as Main Street, Kansas City, Mo.

When 12 years old he joined a 10-wagon mule train as driver. This train was loaded with supplies dispatched to Fort Dodge. After a 3-month trip they arrived at the destination. He was now receiving $20 per month and his keep. On the return trip the wagons were loaded with buffalo hides.

While still in his early teens he decided to go into the freighting business of his own. He had saved his earnings and bought five new wagons, 22 head of 5-year old mules, also harness and other equipment. With his big sorrel horse at the lead his first load was for the government.

In the spring of 1853 as a freighter with his crew of drivers he was given the contract to move some 5 000 house cats to Ft. Seattle, arriving there July 10th. They encountered snows long hard pulls over high passes, snow slides, snow storms in the mountains and much cold weather 100 cats froze to death, and 600 were lost in a snow slide but when they arrived they had 5,200 cats including the kittens When rations were low buffalo were killed.

With a cargo of furs to Denver he collected $4,000 for freight. The return loads to Ft. Leavenworth contained buffalo hides.

By this time Jim Malloy's cash balance showed $17,000, most of which was gold.

In the spring of 1854, Jim, now 15 years old, received an order to haul a 10-wagon shipment to Santa Fe. Indian troubles were reported so more sentries had to be added. Camping under some small hills just south of Cimarron river a small band of Indians demanded something to eat. They were fed, given a few groceries and rode away.

By this time the drivers were paid $10.00 a day and their food. His payroll amounted to $6,000.

Then railroads began freighting and Jim's freighting business was hard to get. For the next few years he was making his usual trips across prairies. Quantity and profits in the business dropped.

He was now 21 years old and had been away from home ten years. In March he started out with a load of 108 barrels of whiskey for Santa Fe. Enroute on the trip they were surrounded by a large band of Indians, who gathered all their 50 mules and drove them away. The Indian camp was ten miles away, at Capama creek. By giving them small drinks of whiskey he recovered the mules and journeyed on. So far Jim had not found anyone with enough cash to buy his freighting outfit.

On later trips they often encountered bands of Indians. One group finally set fire to all their wagons drove their mules away stole all their personal belongings, and killed all the white men but Jim and a Mr. Riley.

They finally started out to reach the Arkansas River and Fort Lyon. When reaching Butte Creek it was running full and they had to remove their clothes and swim across.

Finally they found they were coming to Lost Souls (Picketwire River). Across the river was Boggsville. As they went down the river they arrived at a little settlement, the original town of Las Animas, or "Old Town". This was before the present Las Animas existed. On reaching Ft. Lyon they were treated at the hospital for their sore feet, given food and rest.

## JOHN McINTOSH

John McIntosh was born near Moy Ivernesshire, Scotland 1858. He worked with his father on a sheep farm until 1885. Then he decided to follow two older brothers to America. Donald was working in the mines in Colorado and William had a sheep ranch in the Esbanstia Valley in New Mexico. John wnet to work on the ranch for William and later became his partner. Donald also invested his savings in the sheep and at one time they ran as many as 40,000 ewes.

In 1892 the Esbanstia Valley was suffering from a drought, so John and Donald decided to look for greener pastures for their sheep. Good grass was located on Carrizzo Creek in south eastern Colorado and in February, 1893 John started trailing the ewes up Colorado. It was necessary to lamb and shear on the way and it was December before the 12,000 ewes reached the new range.

On the way up, John Cameron. a young Scotsman who was going across country with Coxey's Army met John McIntosh. He went to work on the McIntosh Bros. ranch. Later his brothers Peter and Alex joined him. These and several other ranch employees were given ewes on a partnership basis. A percentage of the increase and of the wool was paid to the McIntoshes. In this way, the Camerons, James Smith, James Murray, Sam Collins, C. A. Norwood, and Miguel Eberhart were started in the sheep business.

In 1893 a lamb feeding operation was started at Sylvia, Kansas. Two years later they transferred to Las Animas. During the following years a number of farms were acquired and by 1900 about 10,000 lambs were being fed annually.

The ranch was sold in 1907.

Mr. McIntosh was one of the founders of the First National Bank of Las Animas in 1901. He served as director and became president in 1921 and served in that capacity until his death in 1941. He remained active in the feeding and ranching business until his death. The business is carried on by his son Angus, of Las Animas, Colorado.

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## BINGHAM DEAN

Bingham Dean, 1858--1936 was born in Red River County Texas just before the war between the States His mother Sarah Marshall Jones Dean with four small children managed the ranch while her husband Spear went to war. She carded the wool, made the clothes raised their living with the help of the slaves.

When Bingham was twenty-one his Uncle Payton came from Colorado and took him and five other Texans back with him. They understood they were to be cowboys but Uncle Pate put them to digging a ditch to irrigate N Ranch bottom and to building rock fences along the bluffs to inclose the bottoms. The Jone's were hauling winter hay from the Arkansas River at the mouth of Rule Creek about forty miles away.

When the roundup started these young men got their fill of being cowboys, the cattle were rounded up, calves roped and branded, eleven thousand in 1881, anything to be held thrown into the dayherd which meant standing guard at night. There were no corrals or pastures except at winter camps and the railroads for shipping.

Bingham got to be one of the best calf ropers on the roundup. He rode in a lope, daubed his rope on the calf hit for the branding fire still on a lope. He had a stiff right arm, caused by it being broken and poorly set. This however seemed to be an advantage to him in roping. He scorned anyone who whirled the rope around his head.

When the Jones sold their cattle and outfit to the Prairie in 1881 whose range ran from the Arkansas on the north to the Cimarron on the south about two and a quarter million acres together with about 300 horses and fifty-four thousand cattle, Bingham started a cattle ranch in Smith canyon at the mouth of Pinon, his two brothers Frand and Mack had ranches nearby

In 1886 Bingham married Texanna Eddleman; as Mack had married Fanny Eddleman. These brothers had married sisters.

Uncle Jesse Nelson and his wife Susan, who was a niece of Kit Carson were their neighbors and Susan was midwife for three of the oldest children, Jesse, Harry, who died at the age of ten and Nettie. Pearl was born in La Junta and Roy and Marshall in Las Animas.

Texa was a loyal devoted wife, enduring the hardships of that early time, a typical pioneer couple. The family moved to Las Animas in 1893, partly due to the drouth and also to be near school as Jesse was six and Texa made a point of her children going to school. She made biscuits for breakfast, usually had steak and gravy, one was permitted to stir the honey or syrup in the butter tho the relation in Texas kidded Jess about that on his first trip down there.

When the flood of 1908 washed away the corrals and ruined the bottoms of the ranch on the Picketwire, Bingham moved to the north side under the Big Ditch.

Bingham was a great horseman and could take a green broke horse, ride into a herd and be cutting cattle in an hour like an old hand. He used Hambletonian, Percheon and Belgium studs on range mares. The figure seven horses were noted for being big, stout, tough, and sometimes rough. One was supposed to hold them and not let them buck but if they broke into a buck anyhow, then one was supposed to sit up there and whip the buck out of him, a pretty big order as a few of these oldtimers still remember. When a horse was green broke, full mouth and sound they would bring around $125 to $175 a head for calvary during the first war. As his children rode them they were always gentle, he said.

Bingham knew Billy The Kid. He said Billy had large buck teeth in front and the appearance of always smiling. As this character had killed twenty-one by the time he was twenty-one it must have been ironical to be killed by a man smiling at you.

These oldtimers never locked a door, Travelers were welcome to come in and help themselves. It was understood before they left they would do the dishes, tidy up a bit and be sure to have the woodbox full when they left.

Bingham loved to josh with his friends, would drop in at Al Jones Saddle Shop to exchange yarns but was not much to tell about his early days as a Jones cowboy, perhaps the memory of that early day ditch digging in N Ranch bottom for Uncle Pate was not the kind of joke he enjoyed.

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R. H. "BOB" BLACKBURN

R. H. or "Bob" Blackburn was born in Shelby County, Missouri, October 5, 1850, and went to school some before the Civil War.

He had four brothers in the Southern Army, and the third year of the Civil War he was pressed into service in the Northern Army, and also the last team of horses on the place was taken by the Northern Soldiers. This always made him irritated when he thought of it.

After the war was over a few years he went to Texas to get a job working with cattle, and he landed a job and went up the trail with a herd in 1871. This herd consisted of 4500 cows carrying the Ƴ brand on the left side. This herd was too big, even for steers he said, but with lots of help they sold and delivered them near Cheyenne, Wyoming late in the fall. These cattle belonged to a man named Hamilton who could not read or write. He liked to have foremen and trail bosses that could read and write. There were many men that could not read or write that worked for him.

He came up the tr ail for the same man or outfit for the next three years--1872, 1873, 1874. He came to Colorado with a trail herd in 1875 and he was trail boss for this outfit and delivered it near Pueblo at the Goodnight ranch, about or near the first of July. He came to Las Animas on July 4, 1875 and made Bent County his home the rest of his life.

He said when he came here the country was so healthy, did not need cemeteries, if someone had not got killed once in a while.

Barlow and Sanderson owned the stage outfit, from the end of the railroad to California and had the government contract to carry the mail and an office in Las Animas. He applied for a job as stage driver and got the job, and was assigned to the division from Las Animas to Trinidad. He said if they carried much money, or if there were any fear of robbery, four soldiers from Fort Lyon would be on hand, and ride on top and some times one would sit with the driver. He said he liked to have the soldiers along. They would change teams six times to Trinidad. He also drove to Pueblo some.

After the railroad was built to Trinidad the stage route was discontinued, but Barlow and Sanderson had mail contract for postoffices along stage route, and mail had to be delivered to them until their contract expired. They subleased their contract to Bob Blackburn and he carried the mail horseback until the contract expired. Highe and Rourk's ranch and store were two of the postoffices, that he delivered mail to.

Then he worked some time for John W. Prowers and later for Jones Brothers, before they sold their outfit to the Prarie Cattle Co. This was the JJ outfit. Bob then worked for himself for a few years and accumulated a little herd of cattle, using the [brand] brand. Then along came the hard winter of 1885 and 1886. That winter made trouble for the cattlemen. He said thernext spring in 1886 he counted 15 roundup wagons and 165 riders on the Cimmaron to gather and see if any cattle had survived the winter. They found some of these cattle on the Canadian River in Texas. They had to plan how to arrange the roundup wagons to work the country, and to have proper representation for each outfit represented. Iliff had a wagon there from the Platte river and the Hash Knife was represented from north of Limon.

He was working for wages again now. In 1888 he was working for Thatcher Brothers or Bent County Bank and Dan Kesee. Bent County was very dry, while Baca County was good. He took the cattle they had here to Baca County and wintered them there.

The next summer before bringing the cattle back, R. H. "Bob" Blackburn married Alice Clayton of Baca County. The next few years they lived in various places in Bent County; and in 1895 5hey moved to a place on Gageby Creek, later buying it, and raised their family there; and was in the cattle and horse business until he died in 1929. "Bob" used [brand] on left hip on cattle and ⊢ on left shoulder for horses at this ranch. Harry Blackburn uses the [brand] and R. H. Blackburn at Prescott Arizona uses [brand] left hip and Ray J. Blackburn own and use — [brand] .

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JAMES SMITH

Born Forforshire Scotland May 5 1869. Came to Massachussets in 1888 along with Mr. and Mrs. James Murry

In 1890 came West to work on the ranch of an Aunt, Mrs. Simpson near Brush. Bought a herd of sheep with James Murry and David Smith, his brother, in 1894 and moved to Southeast Colo.

Homesteaded on Dinner Branch of Butte Creek, north of Kim, Colo. Dissolved partnership with James Murry and Dav e Smith, probably about 1900. Bought the homestead of 160 acres 10-20 head of cattle belonging to Valentine also bought the Z . Z brand. Homstead of Valentine was located in Long Canyon probably about 1902. He Married Annie McFarlane in 1903. He owned 16,000 head of sheep when hard winter of 1912-1913 hit. Lost 4000 head.

He owned several ranches in Smith Canyon area and operated up to 2,000 head of cattle. Jesse Adkins was a partner won the cattle and they operated the Z Z Brand and the [brand] Brand.

After the County was homesteaded following 1917 he diminished his herds.

Sold his last ranch in 1950 and moved to Las Animas. Died Nov. 26, 1956.

JOHN D. McARTHUR

I landed in Las Animas Dec. 2nd, 1902 from Inverness Highlands of Scotland where I was born, youngest of 11 children. Came here to become sheep foreman for McIntosh Bros. of Las Animas who had large sheep interests in the eastern part of Las Animas Co. and pretty near all Baca Co. I was kept in the feed lots at Las Animas until April 1903. That was a very small town then, board sidewalks in some places, consisted of stockmen all together. About April 20th a freighter known as Uncle Ben and myself who was an Uncle of H. C. Kett of Springfield, started for the McIntosh Sheep Ranch at Carrizo Springs with a big load of provisions for lambing time which started about May 1st. First night made it to the forks at Rule Creek. Second night to the Chimneys on Butte Creek, and on into the Ranch the 3rd. Could see sheep camp and cow boys the distance but didn't talk to a soul but ourselves so you can imagine Uncle Ben and I got pretty well acquainted. He got unloaded and went back to Las Animas. Peter Cameron whose place I came here to take, and myself started to get the camps ready for lambing as both the McIntosh's came out and took care of a band of sheep at lambing. Of course it was all new to me. May 1st came and I was sent over to the head of Mustang with 15 men and 2500 ewes to lamb My men couldn't talk a work of English and I couldn't talk a word of Spanish. You can figure how glad I was when a cow boy came along with long spurs and a big 45 hanging on his hip. Looked tuff but still he could talk English to me.

We got over lambing, then marking lambs, getting ready for shearing and going around with Cameron or some of the McIntosh's I picked up a few words of Mexicano which I understand pretty good today. We got the shearing of wool all done and the herds made up and sent out for the summer. Peter Cameron left. McIntosh's went home and I was left with all responsibility.

During summer and staying out in camps at night, I soon picked up enough Spanish to gey by. Got acquainted with all horse and cow outfit and roundup wagons. It was nothing to see 5 or 6 wagons camped around Carrizo Springs in one day. If you ever got a good meal that was the place to get it. Meat and bread cooked in the old dutch oven can't be beat.

I guess everybody leaves a girl behind, so 1905 after shearing I told Mr. Donald McIntosh I was going home to see my girl. Of course he asked me if I was bringing her out, that he would certainly hold the job open for me. Having no idea that she would live out here, but we are still here together. Raised three children, Annie Dodge of Springfield, Margaret Goodwin of Durango John P. McArthur, Utleyville. grand children and great grand children In 1907 McIntosh Bros. sold out to Herring Stinson & Co. who had already bought out a good sized sheep outfit. Schoeder at Regnier so both these outfits made about 60.000 sheep. Fancy boss of that many sheep and 500 sheep herders. Drove around in a buggie and team always carried my bed roll. Slept at a camp when ever sun-down hit me. Get home to my family perhaps once a week.

So I didn't see much sense in that. So as I sheared the sheep in 1908, I turned them over to a new Boss, George McKellar and bought me a band of my own and moved onto McKenzie Ranch on Tuchalot and took care of his and my own, both. In 1911 decided to take a trip to Scotland. Went over and came back on the Lusitania, a beautiful ship and the ship that put the U. S. into World War I. That year Dec. 5th, 1911 came the hard winter of 1911 and 1912. Stock died by the hundreds, Freighters and sleds, driving over 10 to 20 feet of snow trying to get feed to stock.

That about put a finish to all the big cattle and sheep men, but made a good farming country for awhile until the depression and drought hit us again. Lots of people have moved away, others moved in lots of things, we have now we didn't use to have. But the world goes around just the same.

Sincerely yours
John D. McArthur, Old Timer

LUKE CAHILL

In January 1864, at Fort Huron, Michigan, I enlisted in the first Michigan Engineers. I was sent to Detroit. I was rejected but the Government sent me to Nashville, Tenn., and put me to driving a dray in the "Dray Brigade", under Lt. Stevens, A.Q.M. Lt Stevens once commanded the Chicago Board of Trade battery. I remained in that service until after the battle of Nashville, in which I took part. The records of the Quartermaster's department of 1864 will show the service I rendered in that department.

On the 4th day of May 1866, I enlisted in the Regular Army at Chicago, Ill. I was sent to Governor's Island, New York, and from there I was sent to Leavenworth, Kansas; from Leavenworth about 1500 soldiers and 100 wagons were marched across the Great American Desert to Ft. Union, New Mexico, commanded by Lt. Col. and Brev. Major General Sykes. The above officer was the man who commanded the 5th Regular Army Corps and captured Little Round Top at Gettysburg. Our Q. M. was Gen. Forsythe of Beacher Island faac. I was sent from Ft. Union to Ft. Sumner to join A Company, 5th U. S. Infantry. Those troops, 3 of infantry, and 1 of calvary were trying to keep 20,000 Navajo Indians on a reservation that they did not like. We had daily trouble with them and they killed many soldiers at different times.

In August 1867 a courier arrived at Ft. Sumner and from Ft. Union with a message that the little town of Trinidad, Colo., was surrounded by Ute Indians, and all the people were about to be killed. The message called for a company of soldiers. A company was ordered to reach Trinidad by forced march, and in 2 hours from the time we received the order we were off. We marched night and day until we arrived at Trinidad, beat off the Indians and saved the lives of the people.

In the meantime the Navajos broke out and surrounded the 3 remaining companies. We were ordered from Trinidad on a forced march to Ft. Sumner to relieve the surrounded troops. We started immediately on the march knowing that delay meant the lives of the comrades we all loved so well. Troops from Ft. Stanton, Beson, and Santa Fe and A Company arrived in time to save the garrison. 36 Soldiers were killed. The Indians commenced leaving by the thousands and the troops were unable to stop them. Gen W. T. Sherman was sent to make peace. He gave them 24 hours to return the guns they had taken from the dead soldiers. They returned the guns. The little headstone at Ft. Sumner tells the history of these poor men who gave up their lives in defense of their country.

The Navajoes were without control. Their head Chief Memulita was a good Indian but he could not control the young braves of his tribe any longer. They went back to their own country.

The great Gen. Kit Carson defeated those Indians and put them on the Ft. Sumner reservation in the winter of 1863. He killed all their horses.

The 5th Infantry was relieved from duty in Arizona and New Mexico in November 1867. The fort was newly started. They had no buildings and we were compelled to lie out in tents all winter. It proved to be a cold and severe winter, with much snow between Ft. Lyon and Ft. Dodge.

The Indians were very bad and troublesome. They stopped all ox trains from traveling and all mail coaches had to be escorted by soldiers, and the travel-all done at night. The guarding of these coaches was a very hard duty for the soldiers in those days. There was no wood of any kind to cook with, and we were compelled to hunt buffalo chips which were buried many inches under the snow to provide ourselves with fuel.

On the first day of January 1868 a courier arrived from Trinidad saying that the Mexicans of that city had rounded up all the Americans, put them in jail and were going to hang them the next day. They prayed for the protection of the commanding officer Ge. Wm. H. Penrose. The Generalordered 40 men of A. Company, 5th Inf. and 40 men of C Troop, 7th Cav., all to be mounted and at once to proceed by force to relieve the peopleof Trinidad. We left the Fort as the sun was going down in the west. We traveled all night and arrived in Trinidad at 8 A. M. next morning and relieved the city. Many of our men fell out during the night march and a few died from the effects of it. Peace was restored and we returned to the fort.

In the month of February 1867. Gen. Kit Carson arrived in Bent County with his family which consisted of his wife and 6 children whose names were Terrisins, William, Charley, Josefeta, Stefineta and Kit. He also brought his horses and cattle with him and took up a claim 4 miles from the mouth of Purgatory river. This river empties into the Arkansas river about 2 miles east of Las Animas. Kit Carson's house and home before coming to Bent County was at Rayado, New Mexico, and was called Riow. Soon after his arrival the Indians ran off all mules and horses, and from that day to this the government has not paid for that stock. The stock owned by J. W. Prowers, Lambert & Smith, Theos. O. Boggs, Dock Fizer, Judge R. M. Moor,(note by Nellie Grantham in copying this, This should be R. M. Moore.) and many others were also lost. A portion of A Company and C Troop were sent to recapture the stock. The Indians killed 4 of our men and the troups killed 4 Indians. They outnumbered the troops 40 to 1 and drove us back to the fort.

The Indians became very bad. They tied up several hundred ox wagons at Ft. Lyon, and they could not go east, while the same conditions took place at Ft Dodge, Kansas, and the trains could not go west. The government did not have sufficient troops to guard the traffic that came from the Republic of Mexico and California.

President Andrew Johnson and Gen. U. S. Grant sent for Gen. Kit Carson to appear before them in Washington D. C. to which order Gen. Carson complied at once and a consultation was held as to the best means of subdueing the Cheyennes, the Comanches and the Arapahoe Tribes of Indians on the Great Plains.

After Gen. Carson's return to Ft Lyon he reported to the commanding officer, Gen. W. M. Penrose, that during the conference with President Andrew Johnson and General Grant, in Washington, he had advised them that the only way the Indians could be subdued and defeated was by the same means that he had defeated the Navajoes in the winter of 1863, and that the only method clear to him was to make a winter campaign. Gen. Grant thought that such a campaign would be too severe on both men and animals. Gen. Kit Carson and Gen. Grant could not agree.

While in Washington, Gen. Carson met his old friend Gen. John C. Fremont. Gen Fremont had the name of the Grand Army of the Republic Post changed from the J. C. Fremont Post to the Kit Carson Post and this incident was always considered by Gen. Carson as a great honor.

Shortly after Gen. Carson's return from Washington, his wife was taken ill and on the 15th day of April 1868, she died in childbirth. Soon after Gen. Carson was taken ill, and Dr. Tilton, the post doctor had him removed from the ranch of Thos. O. Boggs to the fort. He bacame worse and on May 23, 1868 he died. At his death bed were Dr. Tilton and the hospital steward and Luke Cahill. I was holding his hand when he breathed his last. Kit Carson was the most wonderful man in all the west; faithful, true and honest. He was buried under Military honors at Boggsville, Colorado. On Jan. 1. 1969, the Hon. Thos. O. Boggs and John S. Rough (who is today the county Judge of Hinsdale, County) had the remains of Gen. Kit Carson and his beloved wife removed from Boggsville, Colo. to Taos New Mexico.

A great deal more could be told about this remarkable man, but I must not take too much of your valuable time.

The Indians became so bad that the government was compelled to declare war against the Commanches, the Cheyennes, and the Arapahoes. Gen. P. B. Sheridan was ordered to take command and form an army. Gen Custer was tried by a general court martial for killing one of his men for desertion. He was undergoing a sentence of one year without rank. Gen. Sheridan requested that Gen. Custer be restored to duty and this being done he took second in command under Sheridan. Troops assembled at Ft. Mays, Ft. Leavenworth, Ft. Sam Houston and Ft. Lyon, and in the month of November 1868 the troops commenced to march on the Indians.

On Nov. 15th, 1868, Gen. Penrose left Ft. Lyon with the 10th Begt. Colored Cav. to proceed to the Canadian River. His chief scout was Wild Bill or James Hancock. Gen. Eugene A. Carr, with the 5th Cav., a detachment of the 5th and 3rd U. S. Infantry became a part of his command. On Dec. 1, 1968 that command left Ft. Lyon. We arrived at Butte Creek, 50 miles from the fort on Dec. 3rd. During the first night one of those terrible Colorado

snow blizzards set in andcontinued until 10 o'clock next day and only the tops of our tents could be seen. The wagons were all covered with snow from which it took us all day to dig out. 36 mules and horses were found dead, and 4 men were frozen to death. while many others had to be sent back to the fort and became unfit for service in the Army. We had between 300 and 400 head of beef cattle with the command. Many of them drifted into the deep gulches and perishedin the snow, and others drifted entirely away and were never found. Many of those cattle were for the Penrose command and the loss of them left the 2 commands without fresh meat.

Col. W. F. Cody was chief scout of the Carr command. After digging out of the snow the command marched about 3 miles. The next day we found the ground so soft that our wagons would sink down into it to their axles; the mules were unable to pull them. The nights became 25 below zero. The command was compelled to make night marches and after many of those night marches we arrived at San Francisco Creek and joined the Penrose command, about 20 miles north of the Canadian River. Both commands started out to join Sheridan's command and the troops from Texas. All commands met, surrounded the Indians and killed all their ponies and the great Kit Carson idea was carried out to the letter.

But we had little medical accomodation on this campaign. Brig. Gen. James Worden Pope, who now lives in the city of Denver, was second lieutenant and was in charge that command campaign. He has been confined to his residence for nearly 3 years, a hopeless invalid caused from such severe service as I have mentioned.

In finishing the narrative of my Army experience the attached copy of the letter to me from my friend Buffalo Bill will explain the balance

I would like to add a few lines as a citizen of Colorado. On the first day of March 1870 I entered the cattle business with Daniel Webster Van Horn. During the war he was a Lieut. Col and chief mustering officer on the defense of Washington and also on side on Pres. Lincoln's staff, and guarded the President when he made his famous speech at Gettysburg. Col. Van Horn was a first cousin of A. B. Reynolds who now resides in Denver.

After 5 years in business, Col. Van Horn bought out my interest. I was in the cattle and horse business in Bent County for 43 years and my cattle mingled with those of such owners of stock as John Bitson, John W. Iliff, W. J. Wilson, Andy Wilson, Dennis Sheedy, Dennis Sullivan, R. S. Holly, Jacob Sherrer, Binkleman, J. W. Prowers, John Coste, Beaty Brothers, Frank Cochran and many others.

With the hardships that accompanied the severe winters and the habit (you might say) of going on other men's notes which has fallen my burden to pay I am at this time under the neccessity of applying to you for an increase of pension. When I was in the Army I received the splendid sum of $13.00 a month.

I have held almost every office in the gift of the people of Bent County, Colo. for 45 years. I have attended nearly every state convention as a delegate of the Democratic Party.

My dear Senator Shafroth. to do justice to the veterans of the Indian war you cannot but admit that they should be placed on the same plane as the men of the Grand Army of the Republic; and their widows should have the same pension provided as the widows of the soldiers of the Grand Army of the Republic. A very few of the people living today have any conception of the suffering endured by the men who engaged in Indian warfare and but few of the men who served with me are living today.

I trust that you will give this appeal your earnest consideration and that you may be able to do something to further the cause of merit which is certainly due to the strikingly few of us remaining today who are deserving of consideration of our country.

Very truly yours,

Luke Cahill

JAMES W. KIRKPATRICK

Was a native of Texas. being born near Brownsville in September 1866. He came to Colo. from Texas with a trail herd in 1886 and ran a hotel and eating house in Lamar Colo. for several months before moving to a ranch on Adobe creek northwest of Las Animas where he engaged in the cattle business until his retirement several years ago. He was widely known through-out Southeastern Colo, especially amoung cattlemen.

While in Lamar in 1898 he was married to Nora Pilloud, then shortly there after they moved to their Bent County Ranch. They had one child, a daughter, Verna, who is not Mrs. Bert Lady and lives in Bellingham, Washington.

After the retirement from cattle business, he and his wife moved into Las Animas in August of 1946. A year later they went to live with their daughter in Washington. Both Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick have passed on, he having died in July, 1948 at the age of 80 years, and she the following year, in Jan., 1949 at the age of 77 years.

If records could have been kept, this cattleman would have filled a book on his stories about his experiences on the cattle ranch and among the men he was associated with.

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SNIFF BROTHERS

Lon, William, and Elmer Sniff first came to this part of the country in 1878 (Elmer being the father of Emmett, Floyd and Hugh.) They settled in the Last Chance and Deertrail areas. Lon and William eventually had ranches in the two places.

Elmer went back to Allen Co Kansas, where he was married and started his family. In 1909 he homesteaded four miles south, two miles east of Caddoa, building a big two story house, which is still a landmark in the country. Elmer Sniff died in February 1918.

In 1916, Elmer's boys. Emmett, Floyd and Hugh, started the Sniff Brothers Ranch with the purchase of 50 head of two year old heifers at $55.00 per head. By 1929, the three partners had 400 head of cows and 5000 deeded acres.

In the year 1951 when times were better, they had built up a ranch of 4000 head of cattle and had 90,000 acres of land owned and leased.

The partnership was dissolved with the death of Emmett in April of 1953.

As of now, the ranch is under the same ownership, but operated by separate units. The three units are Floyd, Hugh and Emmett's heirs.

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GEORGE MAJOR DAMERON

Born in Randolph County Mo., son of Dr. Warren T. Dameron attended Kempers Acadamy, Boonville.

Migrated to Las Animas in 1880-1881 with a herd of cattle all of which perished in the well known winter when it was said you could walk from Las Animas to what is now knows as La Junta, without stepping off a carcass. Lost his first wife and baby daughter in Las Animas. His oldest son Warren died in Tacoma Washington in 1943.

Never went back in cattle business but operated a bank in Las Animas for Jim Jones while heread Law. Was admitted to the bar and moved to La Junta to set up practice in Pale Jones building. Married Pearl Bourne in La Junta in 1893, who bore him 2 sons and a daughter. Thomas Houston, Major Claire and Dorothy Agusta. Dorothy died in 1944. Tom and Claire reside in Pueblo.

Father moved to Pueblo in 1914 to take position of Registrar of the U. S. Land Office. He passed away in 1921 during the influenza epidemic.

I believe he was a charter member of Solomon Lodge AF & A M in Las Animas at least the lodge buried him in La Junta.

He was a charter member of Elks Lodge #701 in La Junta. Belonged to Episcopal Church in La Junta

Dad lived for his friends he loved people.

His grandfather General Horner, his Father and Himself all fought on the southern side during the war. Dad was a kid with Anderson's gang. He never talked about it but one of his old Buddies Babe Hamlin who was a kid with him in the gang told me lots of high tales about their operations.

DANIEL C. CULLINANE

Daniel C. Cullinane was born Jan. 15, 1874, Fort McKavitt, Texas, first child of Barbette Scott Cullinane and Lawrence Cullinane lsgt. U. S. Army. They lived in many forts in Texas, from Fort Brown at Brownsville, and few forts in N. M. & Ariz. territories, they were at Fort Union, N. M. 1880, from Union to Fort Lyons Colo. by that time the Santa Fe had been extended into N. M. There was Old Town across the river South of Fort Lyons Boggsville and West Las Animas. By 1880 several ranches had been in operation 25 to 30 years. The Triangle H L Lane & Murray was at Old Town, Lane was Army officer the winter of 1884-85. Cattle could be heard walking around the Fort day and night for months. Dan got to see many rancher up to Dec. 29th, 1888 when his father died and was buried Jan. 1st 3:00 P. M. at which time there was total eclipse of the sun so said Bent King.

The Fort Lyons was abandoned by soldiers in 1889, Dan Cullinane went to San Antonio, Texas with his mother, two brothers and three sisters but returned to Las Animas and sewed sacks in the mill for a time and then went to work for Smith & Belfor. Broke horses for Major Hill 55 ranch in the year 1890 at which time Thad & Link Huey & many others worked there.

One winter a man and his family left Pueblo in a house boat, came down the river and run short of provisions so stayed till spring and went on down the river as there were no irrigation ditches at that time, The 55 outfit and Moore's 77 outfit was mainly horses with a large open range. Colorado Springs to the state line permitted the many cowboys to work for the large cattle men such as Malloy's with 3 round up wagons. The same applied to Prowers, the 24 circle's and J. J.

When Dan worked for John W. Prowers 20 or more Indians from their camps would come to the ranch and hang on the fence and watch the cowboy work horses and cattle and one day they were hanging on the fence, Pucahoo (Arthur McCarroll) who had to cut all the meat & wood and do the chores got on a mule and rode along the fence, hit the Indians with a leather tug, that made them mad. They complained to Mrs. Prowers, who was Indian, she could do nothing, so they would leave and return to their camps and was what the old teamster wanted them to do.

Dan Cullinane knew all of the cowboys and cattlemen from Colorado Springs to Trinidad to the State line and into N. M. and Oklahoma and those that trailed thru to Wyo. and Montana.

He married in 1898, worked for the Thompson ranch at Arlington, Colo. Worked for Mrs. R. M. Moore the 77's 1901. She was daughter of William Bent and was later foreman there Then run the Bent Co. farm or poor farm and run cattle for himself & in partners with Frank Boggs nephew of Thomas O. Boggs, Frank's Father John W. Boggs was judge in Las Animas and Frank told his dad why he should fine some of the cowboys that came be for him that he was not gettin genough money to pay for the shoe leather walking to town. His reply was some day you Frankie, Dan &

Luke Cahill, Jr. will come before me and you would not like being fined.

Having associated with all the early settlers, the Bents, Prowers, Cahills, Murrays, Carsons, Corbins, Cains, Mitchells, Deans, Woods, Nelsons, Tanners, Pearts, Malloys, Hennans, Godwins, Kings, Richards, Skeens, Mc Afees, Baldwins, Kletts, Joneses, Nehers, Scotts, Colts, Bogges, Hams, Lumpkins, Cowdens, Halls, Blackburns, Millers, Houses, Grimsleys, Dwyers, Andersons, Dodges, Stars. Durees. Puseys, Lubers, Hudnalls. Marlmans, Lewises, Bill Taylor Stone Mason., Roundup cooks Joe Flynn (prunes) Nickodemus Lyons, Juan Ramerizz Geo. Miller & Jim Breslin quirt & bridle makers, Dan Cullinane & Butler Anderson for hackamores Old man Skeen raised family of 17 on upper Rule Creek if the oldest boy Bill Skeen were alive in 1950 he would be around 135 years old. For long lasting cow outfits Kletts O'Rourks Deans Hams Tanners Dwyers Blackburns & Grimsleys.

Kletts and O'Rourks still running cattle over 100 years, others less time. Dan did branding for John O'Connell and was always told to put the J on the jaw. Dan worked for James Cushney the old 24 Circle at Prowers 1915 to 1918. American Beet Sugar Co. in charge of livestock, mostly hogs till 1920 then back as partner with Thad Huey at Las Animas. Horses, cattle, mules and hogs till Thad died in 1922.

Dan later was employed as meat cutter at Fort Lyons where he died in 1929 in the same building his father died in, Dec. 30, 1888.

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## WILLIAM L. CULLINANE

William L. Cullinane was born Sept. 2, 1899 on William Morris homestead 5 miles N. W. of Las Animas Colo. on the Santa Fe Trail. The Morris homestead joined Wm. A. Colt Homestead on the south, Morris and Colt brother-in-laws had completed the Mo. Pac. R. R. into Pueblo, Colo. 1887, my father Daniel C. Cullinane and mother May H. (Morris) Cullinane moved to Arlington. Colo. on Thompson ranch first Gas engine I saw was there, 1 year old then.

We then went to Mrs. Moore's Her husband was killed when a team ran off with him in the buck-board on the road just east of present Las Animas river bridge. The tongue having come down killed Judge Robert M Moore.

Moore was son-in-law of William Bent. Moore's ranch was at the site of Bents last stockade built in 1859 north of Boggsville west of the Purgatoire, well I remember the long string buildings: ice house, smoke house, bunk house, etc. An old colored fellow, all I know was his first name was Pete, lived in one bunk house. In recent years I asked Dell Baldwin where Pete came from and who he was. He said long ago travelers on the Santa Fe Train were attact. Pete escaped and came to Bent's Fort and lived with them till he died. My brother James C. was born on this ranch in 1901, also brothers Harry B. & Daniel R. twins in Feb. 1903, In 1904 there was a big flood that came close to the corrals. Next to our house lived Mr. and Mrs. Yoel. Daisey & Frances Moore & Bobie Monroe about my age. We then moved to another Moore ranch South of the R. R. that was probably at the time Doc Procter died; he was the foreman; then Dad was foreman so Gay Ecton of La Junta lately told me, also Bur Lakin of Philadelphia Pa lived on the Moore ranch.

Moore's horse brands were 77 & Circle bar. On this ranch was where I first remember seeing Dutch or Levi Dumbald. He had a brother I cannot remember, Burt Dumbald, earlier years worked the 77 outfit.

The 77 horse range was from Colorado Springs to the State line on the north side of the Arkansas River as was Major Hill's 55 outfit.

Doc Procter was the first dead man I saw. 5:00 A. M. Dad and I rode to W. E. Cooper ranch. Procter was laying on the bed. There was a stand nearby. Qt. carbolic acid & Qt. qhiskey. He awoke in the night and got the wrong one.

The next place we lived adjoined the county farm on north Jessie Nelson broke horses there that wenter, where brother Andrew M. was born Jan. 1905.

In the spring Dad taken over the Bent Co. Hosp. and Co. farm or Poor House. From this farm the first cantaloupes were shipped to eastern markets. Grerard was in pardners with Dad on them, they had early watermelons. By using horse drawn implements, we could find a ripe melon on Aug. 3rd.

The pest house was up on the hill near spring. My brother, Jim, and I had thrown rocks at the two small pox patients, so the day they scaled off, they invited us for dinner while we were eating Dad came along on Peacock. He put both on the horse and taken us to the house. Dr. Hardy vacinnated us but it did not take. Joe Matty's pardner died at the hospital after they sawed his leg off. They were from Glenwood Springs, Colo., injured in train wreck at Caddoa. Kutch stayed at the hospital. I wondered if he was connected with Kutch Camp up north.

When I was 7 years old not quite 8, I went on roundup for two weeks. There was about 30 cow boys. Nick Lyons was the cook, Roy Dean took care of the day herd. At that time he was about 12 years old. The Cowboys stood guard over the day herd at night, the horse wrangler was Italian race horse man, who was riding to Lamar from Pueblo. Marce Mc Afee told hem we were going to the races. We bought pint whiskey from Jno. W. Prowers, Jr. at his Caddoa Store. Left it buried in Caddoa Creek sand bar. We were afraid Nick Lyons would get it then there would be no cook.

On the last day of the round-up I was bitten by a rattle snake at Eagles Nest on Rule Creek. Bingham Dean arrived at noon with buggy. We put mess wagon horse to buggy. Went to town, Bobbie Elliot rode ahead and notified the Dr. Dulin and Met Dad and I four miles out with a pint of whiskey of which I drank nearly all of it, had little help. This accident prevented me from following the round-up for two weeks west of the Purgatoire River.

On this east round-up Merc McAfee jumped a grey wolf, run him 8 miles to where he figured we were. Dutch Dumbald emptied his six-shooter at the wolf. Dad chased it 7 more imiles then held up until the animal cooled off and stiffened. He rode in to wolfs hideout, roped him, drug him up. We scalped him for there was a $10.00 bounty on them at that time. The cowboys used the same system to catch wild horses except they let them fill up with water. I crawled in wolf den in Muddy Gap in 1913 and pulled out eight wolf pups, for Chas. R. Frey, son-in-law of J. J. Walker and his partner Bill Stephens, Star Route mail carrier at that time.

Then in 1915 all the family went to work on 24 Circle Ranch for James Cushney. Later then family was in partners with Thad Hucy, south of the river, farming, race horses, cow horses, contest bucking horses, mules and cattle. Thad Hucy died 1922, that ended the partner-ship.

I then worked on Santa Fe R. R. in La Junta, Colo. and am now retired.

W. L. Cullinane

REMARKS

In S. E. Colorado, the Cradle of the cattle industry had some wonderful men in the past. Maybe we are reaching too far back in memory as did John M. Boggs, brother of Thomas O. Boggs, that used to tell me about the old times, back to Daniel Boon in Kentucky. He never mentioned Kit Carson, or his trip to California in 1849 gold rush, but his son Frank did. Frank said to his father, "Why don't you tell the boy about your claiming that you had a gold mine in California the way you did Ma to marry her."

In the last 6 months I have been working with men that as I see it Baca, Bent, Pueblo, Crowley, Huerfano Counties have the same thing that will

stop part of the people in the Rush To The Rockies east of the Rockies yet in their view, then later get water for the plains states to make the Glory permanent.

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LETTER BY W. H. CULLAINE

Dear Friend Marshall:

Last Thursday I visited Charles Neher at his home 203 Pequenos Road, N. E. Albuquerque, N. M. and he told me the Jones Brothers in Texas was hooked up with Quantrells raiders or gang. So I am sending you a clipping and Charlie Neher, that might show us who left Texas at various times and no doubt if we read the book "HANDS UP", would give us some insight to the travels of long ago.

Charlie said Jim Jones carried a small black hand bag with a Bible, six-shooter, and quart of whiskey in it.

Quantrells men or all southerners were in the Confederate Army and Quantrell had quite an influence over them.

Best wishes,

W. L. Cullinane

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LETTER ON JOHN GOODPASTURE

Bent & Prowers Cattle & Horse Association

Dear Sirs:

As John Goodpasture, nephew of Uriel & Riley Higbee, came to this country in 1872 where his relatives were up on the Picketwire, he intends to be at Las Animas Feb. 21st for the mess wagon & dutch oven dinner He wants to know if they are going to have a son-of-abitch cooked up, of course it will nnt go around, but he said some would not care to try it.

I asked how it was made. He said Margut-heart-tongue-brains-liver & some tallow. He said old Pucahoo sure could do a good job cooking it up.

Do you think you have anyone that can do the job to-day, I have no suggestions.

Yours trouly,

W. L. Cullinane

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A. B. HAM

A. B. Ham was born in Gonzales Texas, Dec. 9, 1862, during the mid-period of the Civil war. His younger days were spent in Texas. Then in 1887, being persuaded by his brother Jeff Ham. who had come out to Colorado in 1880 to be a marshall and trail boss. Mr. Ham came to Bent County. He worked for the famous "77" ranch, then owned by Judge Moore a son-in-law of Col William Bent. Previous to moving to Colorado in 1885, he was married to Miss Dolly Payne Carmichael who passed away in Las Animas in December 1933.

Later he took a job with Mr. and Mrs. John Jay on a ranch on the north side of the Arkansas River near Caddoa. He was located near Caddoa for about five years.

In 1891, after working hard to save enough money to go into the cattle business on a big scale, he purchased 26 cows, four steers and a bull for $310. The bill of sale for the original purchase of cattle is still

in the family. From these animals sprung the famous Tree Top Ranch herd that still exists and is the oldest herd in Colorado. The herd is 70 years old. Following the purchase of the cattle Mr. Ham and his family moved from Caddoa to Limestone a small community northwest of the present town of McClave wher. he farmed and raised cattle. The location is now known as the John Smartt place In 1895 he answered the call of politics and was elected B nt County Commissioner on the Democratic ticket.

During the year 1900 he purchased land northeast of Las Animas and moved there with his family to form what is today known as the Tree Top Ranch. He adopted the Tree Top brand for his herd in 1902.

At the time of his birth. Mr. Ham's father was fighting for the South in the conflict between the States. In all his 98 odd years of life Mr. Ham was always proud of the fact that he never missed a chance to vote at an election. He felt that the privilege of having a voice in his nation's government was important enough to vote. He never missed an election. In 1960, during the Democratic National Convention when he was confined to a Pueblo hospital with a broken hip, he insisted on having a TV set intalled in his hospital room so that he could watch the convention. He voted absentee in the 1960 election.

Mr. Ham insisted that his seven children have educations. The name Ham can be found on the registers of six colleges--University of Colorado, Colorado State Agricultural College, University of the South at Swanee, Tenn., Columbia University, University of California, and University of Chicago.

His son, Senator Wilkie Ham of Lamar says that his father can probably credit his long and fruitful life to the fact that apparently he never worried and he never complained. He spent 70 years on a horse and was determined that long hoursin the saddle and hard work made the man. No matter how hard the going he felt that a man should laugh his way through life.

Mr. Ham has been a member of the Bent-Prowers Cattlemen's Association for 66 years. He is also one of the oldest members of the Odd Fellows lodge in Colorado.

Mr. Ham is survived by one son Senator Wilkie Ham of Lamar, five daughters, Mrs. Lettie Baker of Albuquerque, N. M., Mrs. Jim Pointon of Las Animas, Mrs. B. F. Jackson of Boulder, Mrs. Inez Madison of Winona, Minn., and Mrs. Carl Busbey of Las Animas. Another son, Floyd Ham, passed away many years ago. He is also survived by 17 grandchildren and 46 great grandchildren.

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## ARTHUR DEAN

If it is true that man is the master of his own destiny, then Las Animas' Arthur Dean has truly become this city's "Dedicated Dean" of public service.

A native of Las Animas, he has spent nearly 50 years in one public office or another. He was born in 1886 the son of the late Frank and Ida Dean of Weatherford Tex who settled here in 1879.

Dean graduated from the local high school and studied at Clark Business College in Pueblo. Immediately following his basic education he began working at the Bent County Bank.

But a few months later he decided to enter business as a butcher and soon learned the techniques of meat cutting. "In those days a man had to be both a butcher and meat cutter" he recalls.

Two years later Dean decided to accept his first public office; he became deputy county treasurer. That decision launched him into what was to become a spectacular public career.

Old record reveal that Dean was the No. 1 man in the drive for the construction of the Caddoa Dam (John Martin Reservoir).

He was the main liasion between the people of the Arkansas Valley and the Federal Government. He was sent to Washington, D. C., where he spent several weeks. In the following months he made trips to the state capitol; attended water conservation meetings in all parts of Colorado and neighboring states. He became a tireless bundle of energy dedicated solely to the promotion of the Caddoa Dam.

Dean says the late Congressman John A. Martin of Pueblo made a lot of people happy on August 14 1936 with the following press release.

"The section of the Flood Control Act just passed pertains to Caddoa as follows; 'Caddoa Reservoir near Lamar in Colorado, for flood control and water conservation in Colorado and Kansas; plans in House Document No. 308-74th Congress, first session; estimated construction cost $7,700,000 and estimated cost of land damages--$3000000."

The release also revealed how close the Caddoa Dam Project had come to failure. "The bill as it passed the house in the first session of the present Congress carried 19 dams on the Arkansas River and 19 dams on the White River. As it finally passed congress in the closing days of the last session all had been eliminated except Caddoa!"

The most conspicious influence resulting in the passing of the Caddoa Dam project: "I'd say all those wonderful newspapers from Pueblo to Garden City that so eloquently expressed the sentiment of all the people," Dean said.

He has a huge diary of newspaper clippings that tell a vivid story of the heartache and disappointment during those uncertain days precedding passage of House Bill No. 308. and finally the diary shows in bold headlines the reward of the people's efforts--success.

The diary was collected by Dean's mother. She obtained copies of every southeastern Colorado newspaper Closed the big book is 14 inches tall 11 inches wide and almost 4½ inches thick. It has 155 pages with more than 1000 clippings and hundreds of photos.

But the key to final success was in Washington, D. C. according to Dean. It was the friend of the people of the Arkansas Valley in honor of whom Caddoa Dam officially was named--Congressman John A. Martin.

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QUINT RHODES

Horace Greeley's advice, "Go West young man, go West" had no further appeal to me as I stood on the platform at the Lamar, Colorado railroad station that chilly March day in the year 1898. It was early one Sunday morning. The streets were still deserted. There was no sign of life anywhere. My first impression was--that God had helped build the town and had forgotten all about it. Even the cottonwood trees looked like they had been dead for years. What little grass I could see was dry and dusty. If a stranger had suddenly appeared and asked the usual questions, "What is your name? Where are you from and how long do you plan to stay?" I would have replied in one sentence " In Kentucky they call me Quint Rhodes and I'm catching the first train back."

As I gazed across the street, a door opened and a man was sweeping dirt into the street. The sign overhead read "Soloon" At least there was one living soul in the town! I ambled across the street and asked the man if I could get a drink. He told me that since it was Sunday I would have to go around to the back door. I ordered two shots of bourbon; for which I paid ten cents each.

I again approached the street. With 20 cents worth of the warm beverage

in my stomach, the world looked a little rosier from that side of the street. I decided to go out to my brother's ranch (where I had started in the first place) and spend the night. I hired the livery-stableman to take me the twelve miles north of town where my brother Oliver and two of our uncles ewere farming.

My brother wanted me to stay and farm with him. I couldn't see how anything could grown in such dry ground. But; remembering my childhood declaration--that if I lived to be a man, I would get out of Kentucky with all of its rain and mud and would go some place where it was dry. I told my brother that I wanted to look around for awhile.

I decided that a man has to start someplace. If I was going to stand alone it might as well be now. If others were making a living here, I could see no reason why a strong healthy man in his very early twenties, with any sort of ambition wouldn't have a chance.

I hired out to the Reiley Brothers on their sheep ranch for the spring and summer, at least. As these two seasons came and went, the country looked better and better to me My childhood ambition had always been to raise fine cattle. Late in the fall of '98 I realized this ambition and bought 30 head of herford steers and 30 head of heifers. I paid $13.00 for the steers and $12.00 for the heifers. My brother pastured them for me.

That same fall I helped drive 2,500 prime feeder lambs for the Reiley brothers, from Lamar to the Colt ranch in the Cornelia community. John Colt bought these lambs from the Reiley Brothers for $2.25 a head. Mr. Colt asked me to stay and feed these lambs out for him. He was feeding 15,000 lambs that year. Mr. Colt died that winter.

W. A. Colt, brother of John Colt, and I went into a partnership in the spring of '99. I brought my 60 head of cattle up from Lamar. We fed lambs and ran both thoroughbred and commercial Herford cattle. We had our good years and we had our lean years. This partnership with Mr. Colt lasted for twenty years. I bought out his interests. When we dissolved our business, our relationship was as friendly as it had been from the beginning and remained the same until the day Mr. Colt died. I shall always regard him as one of the finest men I have ever known.

At that time the range was all open--not a fence anywhere. In the fall we had to ride to the edges of the range to round-up all of the cattle and bring them to the ranch to sell or shelter for the winter. It was on one of these roundups that my horse fell with me and injured my knee. This old injury prevents me from being as active now as I would like to be. I was forced to retire several years earlier than I would have ordinarily retired.

Later when the range was fenced I bought grazing land and also my farm from Mr. Colt, and built my home in 1919. I continued with the cattle and sheep business for many years. Some of the years when I would loose on my lamb feeding I would make up for the loss on my cattle gains. Other years I would loose on the cattle and make up for the loss on the lamb profits. There were times whin I had to cut down on my herd because of the shortage of feed. At the beginning of the dustbowl in 1934, I went out of the sheep business.

All of my life I have loved horses and always took pride in the horses that I owned. I always drove a good high-spirited buggy horse. It was with regret that I saw the car and tractor replace horses. In a progressive world, one has to fall in line or fall behind. I fell in line, too. Since then I have seen many changes in the methods of ranching and farming and I am still going along.

For many years my stepson, Wilbert Beaman and I have been ranching and farming. We are full partners now. He operates the ranch. We have weathered wars, depressions several blizzards and drouths. We have had our share of losses and also shared God's good Graces.

I have seen cattlemen come and go. It has always been my theory that if I stuck with my cattle when the going was rough, they would pull me through any crises. So far they have done it, even if I had to sell some of the herd to save the rest of it.

- Few of the old cowboys are still living. Let me say here, that of all the cowboys that I ever worked with, when it came to dehorning cattle Ez Thaxton and I could beat them all!

I have gone back to visit my relatives in Kentucky several times; but never have I wanted to trade my spread in Colorado for any part of that state.

I could write on and on about my experiences but time does not permit. Yes, I have had my "ups" and "downs". Sometimes it seems like there have been more "downs" than "ups". Although my "saddle" now is somewhat softer than the old leather ones that I used to ride " I'm still in there riding herd'"

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E. A. THAXTON

J. C. Thaxton and family came to Las Animas, Colorado from Oklahoma (then the Indian Territory) in 1900. Richard came in March for his health and got it. He wrote father to bring Mother out, as she too had very bad health most of her life. Dad Loaded two covered wagons and we pulled out of Miami, Oklahoma, June 6, 1900, and arrived in Las Animas June 27, 1900--21 days on the road.

Bought a farm from W. A. Colt and moved on farm March 1, 1901.

In 1906 I had my first cattle experience. My brother, L. F. Thaxton, and I bought the clean up of the Frank Simcox cattle from The First National Bank. W. C. Love, cashier of the bank at that time sold them to us--about 200 head. My father and brother took a homestead at Matheson and we summered the cattle there.

In 1915 Richard and I bought a ranch on Adobe Creek and I moved to the ranch, where we run cattle and sheep. After leaving the ranch I have had a variety of jobs and businesses.

THE ROURKE RANCH

Early in December. 1875, a young man and his bride got off the train at Las Animas, Colorado, at that time the end of the Santa Fe Railroad. Their home was to be about 45 miles up the Picketwire River from Las Animas and to reach there they went by stage coach. This line, operated by Barstow and Saunderson, went to Trinidad, not right along the river, but followed the heads of the canyons which flowed into the river on the north side. At the heads of these canyons, some fifteen or twenty miles apart, were maintained stations where the stage horses were kept. At most, one or two men were kept to care for the horses, but at one station, known as Dent Canyon, there were accommodations for a few guests. So to this station by way of stage came the young man and his bride. Their home was to be at the mouth of this canyon, a distance of four or five miles, but was not quite finished so they stayed at the station for a short time. This man had come to this part of the state in 1871 from the mining country about Black Hawk and Central City where he had gone from Illinois in 1869. A diary found after his death shows that he made an exploratory trip to this area in December of 1869, for he speaks there of having crossed the Arkansas River at the Rocky Ford and "holing in". as he put it, on Temp Creek in a snowstorm in December of that year. Unfortunately this diary has been lost.

This was truly a virgin country. no washes, arroyos, cow trails or roads, and plenty of native grass--not much buffalo grass here, it grew farther east in extreme eastern Colorado and western Kansas.

The Picketwire River was a narrow shallow winding stream which had much cottonwood and box-elder timber on its banks, also many wild plums, grapes, currents, and elderberries. Wild turkeys were quite plentiful, also deer, some mountain lions, or panthers, a few bear and bobcats. Also catfish in the river. Few buffalo, if any, ranged south of the Arkansas River but they were plentiful north of that river, and many were slaughtered just for the hide, no use being made of the meat.

There were 150 to 200 people living along the Picketwire River within a radius of 15 to 20 miles. These were Mexican and Spanish most of whom had small farms where they raised corn, chili and beans, as well as pumpkins. In the fall the south walls of the houses were red with the strings of ripening red chili and the roofs yellow with the curing pumpkins. The corn was prepared for use by grinding between two stones, one hollowed out, the other rounded off to fit into it. Most had small flocks of sheep or goats or both, but there were a few who had quite large herds of cattle, sheep and goats. Some were concentrated in plazas. Most of the houses were built of adobe or sun dried brick. Cedar posts were also used for building. Forked posts were set at each of the four corners. On these were placed grooved logs into which the posts were fitted upright by trimming the upper end. These posts were set in a trench ten or twelve inches deep and the slight openings between chinked with small sticks plastered with mud. These were "Hackals" and made very comfortable buildings for both summer and winter. The roofs of all buildings were of poles covered with mud and several inches of dirt. There were few wooden floors, these being made of mud also. The house built by this man was an exception and was built out of cut stone. It was built by a brother Jim Rouke, who had come to Colorado about the same time and was a stone mason by trade. He also established a ranch which adjoined the Eugene Rourke ranch which was later included in it, being part of it at the present time.

These were friendly, simple people. There were no Indians in this area except for small bands passing thorugh and they molested neither the people nor the stock. Some years earlier they had not been so peaceful. There is a legend or story as to how the Purgatoire or El Rio de LasAnimas Perdidas or "River of Lost Souls". The story says the treasure was never found but is still in this area.

These Mexican and Spanish people scattered and left as the Americans came in and today there are none of them or their descendants there. There was a post office at this Dent Canyon station, the mail brought in by the stage line. In early 1876 the railroad was completed farther south and the stages discontinued. I do not know whether the post office was closed at the same time or not, but in January 1878, Eugene Rourke, the man who had come here with his bride in December, 1875, was appointed postmaster. The Postmaster General at that time was David M. Key. The Rourke family was now living at their home at the mouth of the canyon. The mail was brought there once a

week by carrier from Las Animas a distance of about 45 miles. The carrier also carried passengers and small amounts of freight, thus making it more convenient for people to get some supplies and get back and forth. This continued for a number of years. A certificate dated May 11, 1886, shows that Mr. Rourke was again appointed postmaster at that time. The office was moved around in the area until it was discontinued in late 1890's or early 1900's. For some years it had come from La Junta rather than Las Animas.

There was no mail service for several years until rural service was established by petition of the people who came in after the passage of the 640 Acre Act 1916. This was continued for only a few years as the people were unable to make a living, abandoned the land and moved out. Some land was bought by ranchers and much of it was taken over by the government in its resettlement programs and is at present under government management. Much of the land of the Rourke ranch was bought during the 1930's.

Mrs. Rourke passed away in 1910 and Mr. Rourke in 1918. He had not taken an active part in running the ranch for several years, this being done by the sons, Harry the oldest, and John the youngest of the family. After Mr. Rourke's death in 1918, Harry and the eldest daughter, Frances, bought the interest of the other members and ran it until 1929 when Harry passed away. John moved to California in 1918 where he still lives. After 1929 it was managed as a family project and known as The Rourke Cattle Company until a few years ago when Robert Sabin, grandson of Eugene Rourke, took over active management and is acting in that capacity at present.

The late 1870's and early 1880's saw the white man move in--lured by the free pasture--for these native grasses make excellent pasture for any kind of stock, and thus began the abuse and overstocking of the ranges. This was not done so much by those located here but much stock was brought in by speculators who grazed them during the summer and sold in the fall. There was no way to control this overstocking as filings or applications were limited to 160 acres and the government would neither lease nor sell any of the land. Also large areas became infested with prairie dogs. These destroyed all vegetation and no one attempted to destroy them.

In 1909 the 320 Acre Act was passed giving each applicant 320 acres but requiring that at least 40 acres be broken and put in crops. This Act did not affect the area much as most of the land was too rough for cultivation. In 1916 came the 640 Acre Act and this brought in settlers lured with the idea that 640 acres meant a fortune. There was no living water on any of this land, all tracts on which there were springs had been taken years earlier under the 160 Acre Act. The development of water was pretty expensive and uncertain and never in sufficient quantity for irrigation. The annual grazing capacity of most of the land was 20 to 25 head of cattle per section or 640 acres. A few of these settlers brought in dairy cattle but this failed since they could raise no feed and a dairy cow could not be very profitable with no feed other than the short grazing.

Veterans of World War I were given preference in these applications and requirements for obtaining title were quite liberal. As a result most of the land was filed on and proved up. This was the end of open range cattle business, about 1918 or 1920. Also the end of general roundups. Perhaps an explanation of a roundup might be in order here. This was held twice a year, in the late spring or early summer for the purpose of branding the calves, and in the fall to gather the cattle to be sent to market. There was the "mess wagon" which carried a "mess box" where there were drawers and shelves for knives, forks, spoons tin cups and tin plates. This wagon also carried the groceries and cooking utensils. Of course there were large coffee pots and the "Dutch Ovens"--large iron kettles. All were hung over the open fire. The bread was baked in one of these ovens by piling hot coals on the lid.

These wagons were furnished and equipped by the larger outfits in this area, the Prairie Cattle or J J's for the eastern part, and the Circle Diamond or Bloom Cattle Company for the Western part. Each of the larger outfits had six or eight men and the smaller owners sent a man as his representative. Each man furnished his own saddle, bridle and bed, and some had small tents. The owners furnished saddle ropes, stake ropes, stake pins and hobbles. Each man had six or eight horses which was called the "Remuda" or cavy-yard and was herded during the day by the "horse wrangler" usually a young boy with ambitions of becoming a cowboy. At night each man hobbled his string of

horses, except one which he staked and used at night when on guard duty. These wagons moved ten or twelve miles per day over the area in which the outfits' cattle ranged. Each day the cattle were gathered in a given area, calves branded and anything any owner might want to hold was put into the "day herd". This herd was moved along as the wagon moved and was guarded by men designated by the foreman and changed from day to day. This herd was also guarded by night by men assigned by the foreman in shifts of two hours each, the number depending on the size of the herd. As the headquarters of any owner was neared, his cattle were taken home. The same procedure was followed in the fall.

The ranches were known not by the name of the owner but by the brand used on the stock. The Rourke Ranch was known as the "Wine Glass" (     ) an inverted wine glass on the left hip and two bars (  ). on the left side. The complete brand looked like this (     ). The brother, Jim, also had a brand known as the bar-dipper. A dipper like this (    ) on left side and hip. This is also owned now by the Rourke Cattle Company but not used. The bar-dipper brand was recorded in 1882, and the wine glass brand in 1886.

Raising a large family so far from town presented problems as well as compensations. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Rourke, seven of whom lived to be grown. All were born in Trinidad, Colorado, except one of the older boys who was born in Illinois when Mrs. Rourke was visiting there. One of the problems was that of schooling. There was the district school but it was several miles away and seemed too far for small children to go. So as the older children reached school age, Mrs. Rourke and the children would be moved to Trinidad, a distance of 65 or 70 miles, and a two-day journey by wagon each fall, and back to the ranch in the spring. No one was very happy with this arrangement and the loss of two of the older boys from diphtheria in Trinidad probably prompted the decision to hire a private teacher and stay at the ranch the year round. A little girl was lost on the ranch as the result of being bitten by a rattle snake but Mother and Father felt they might as well take chances on the snakes as on diseases we were exposed to in town. Those trips to and from Trinidad were looked upon by the children as sort of a two-day picnic, but not so by the grownups who had food to prepare and moving at least a part of the household furniture. Two vehicles were required, the heavy wagon for household goods and the spring wagon for the family.

The original home was quite close to the river and as the country became more overstocked. floods became more frequent and higher until the home had to be abandoned for one farther away and on higher ground.

All supplies were brought in by wagon from Trinidad and bought in rather large quantities. When Father was expected home from one of these trips there was considerable excitement and as it was often after dark when he arrived, especially in the fall, all listened intently, each one trying to be the first to hear the rumble of the wagon. This eagerness was probably intensified because there was nearly always a barrel of apples or a crate of oranges, maybe both, and a few pounds of candy. The religious training of the family was not forgotten either, for each Sunday morning all were assembled for a short period of family prayer.

This arrangement for school was continued for several years or until the older children were ready for high school when a home was built in La Junta and the winters spent there and the summers on the ranch.

Three of the daughters, Mrs. Earl Sabin, Mrs. T. W. Sisson, and Mrs. Charles Sisk live in La Junta; Mrs. Mary Farthing has a ranch of her own in Smith Canyon, and Miss Frances Rourke divides her time between La Junta and the ranch




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**TEXAS AND SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS ASSOCIATION.** The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the oldest and largest organization of its kind in the United States, was launched at Graham, Texas, on February 15, 1877, under the name Stock-Raisers' Association of North-West Texas. Cattlemen in Oklahoma, New Mexico, and the Indian Territory were invited to join. The call for the initial meeting was made in the fall of 1876 by a few leading cattlemen, among whom were James C. Loving and C. C. Slaughter.[qv] The immediate objective was to systematize the "spring work" and to curb cattle rustling.[qv] Col. C. L. (Kit) Carter was made chairman of the organizational meeting, which was held at the courthouse in Graham (rather than under an oak tree, as subsequent legend had it). Among the ranchers present were John Nicholas Simpson, Samuel Burk Burnett,[qv] and Joseph Graham. Carter was elected president of the association, a position he held until 1888 except for one year, when poor health intervened. Loving was elected secretary and was reelected each year until 1902. Such strong measures against cattle thieves were proposed at the original meeting that some present did not take membership for fear of retaliation by the lawless element. The association was incorporated in 1882. That year the system of assessment "per head" of cattle was adopted; it is still in force. In 1883 the inspection system was inaugurated. Inspectors were eventually located along the trails, at shipping points, and at terminal markets. This practice resulted in recovering many cattle that by accident or design got into herds in which they did not belong. The protection offered by this system drew small and large operators into the association fold, including Robert Justus Kleberg[qv] of the King Ranch[qv] and the Kokernots of West Texas. Other measures for discouraging theft included granting rewards to those who identified persons who had stolen cattle or horses from association members (payable after conviction). In addition, from 1893 to the mid-twentieth century the association employed a staff attorney to assist with the prosecution of those charged with theft, as well as with other matters. The secretary's office remained at Loving's ranch until 1884, when it was moved to Jacksboro.

In 1883 the association listed 730,000 cattle, and by 1895 its members reported 1,385,303 head. By 1893 the distribution of its membership had spread to such an extent that the name was changed to Cattle Raisers Association of Texas. The present name was adopted in 1921, when the organization merged with the only other cattlemen's group remaining in Texas, the Panhandle and Southwestern Stockman's Association, which had been founded in 1880. In 1945 membership stood at 6,000 and represented 3,500,000 cattle. Rains in the spring of 1957 brought an end to one of the Southwest's most severe and widespread droughts and resulted in a resurgence of membership, which reached a new high of 13,000. In the late 1950s the association's officers went to Florida to observe the results of screwworm eradication in the Southeast and to help set in motion a series of events that resulted in screwworm eradication in the Southwest. The program, financed in the beginning largely from voluntary contributions by the stock industry, was perhaps of more benefit to livestock producers than any other program in the twentieth century. Working through and with the Southwest Animal Health Research Foundation and government

agencies, the association played a major role in the program, which brought about an end to the pest through release of millions of radioactive-sterilized screwworm flies. In 1961 the association recognized the growing importance of cattle feeding[qv] in the Southwest by establishing the cattle feeders division, and that same year the association established award programs for Four-H members and Future Farmers of America who had made distinguished records in livestock production and management. In little more than a decade the Southwest had become one of the nation's leading cattle feeding areas. In 1955 there were 227,000 cattle fed in Texas, and in 1969 there were 2½ million head fed, mostly in large modern commercial feedlots utilizing tons of Texas-grown grain sorghums. Control of cattle theft continued as one of the primary objectives of the association. In 1943 the secretary of agriculture had made the association the brand-inspection agency for Texas cattle, a responsibility that significantly expanded its operations. In 1966 mechanization of the mammoth TSCRA brand records was initiated. Machines were installed that quickly transcribed and recorded brand inspection information received daily from inspectors at markets throughout Texas. Inspection records relating to missing or stolen cattle could also be retrieved speedily from the brand files. This mechanization was a great aid to association inspectors and other law enforcement officers in the detection and apprehension of cattle thieves and was regarded as one of the most significant strides in this field in many years.

In 1979 the association founded the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to education, research, and charitable activities to promote the cattle industry. In 1991 the field-inspector force, thirty-three strong, was one of the most important services offered by the association. As specially commissioned Texas Rangers,[qv] the inspectors combined legal authority with detective skills and cattle-industry knowledge. Inspectors helped recover nearly $2.5 million worth of livestock and property in 1994. The association also actively monitored governmental affairs on both state and national levels, representing members' interests in such areas as taxation, farm legislation, immigration, and pesticide regulation. In addition, the association offered members affordable insurance. The *Cattleman*,[qv] a monthly magazine begun in 1914, coupled with *News Update*, provided the latest in industry news, trends, and association activities. In 1991 the TSCRA had 17,000 members, predominantly in Texas, representing 2.5 million cattle. The membership of the TSCRA extends over several states and includes owners of herds ranging from less than a hundred up to many thousands. Association policy is determined by a board of directors headed by an executive committee and the TSCRA president. Past presidents have included such prominent Texans as John Barclay Armstrong, Richard Mifflin Kleberg, Robert Justus Kleberg, Herbert Lee Kokernot,[qv] and Dolph Briscoe, Jr. Don C. King served as secretary-general manager from 1966 until 1995, when Steve Munday assumed the position of CEO. Offices of the association and of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Foundation were located at 1301 W. Seventh Street, Fort Worth, along with the Cattleman's Museum and the Waggoner Library, a research library for the cattle industry.

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